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POPE'S APPEAL FOR A CHRISTIAN UNION

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MESSAGE TO THE WORLD

Vatican City, December 23.

Pope Pius XII pleaded today for union within the Roman Catholic Church of all Christians to oppose the advance of militant atheism.

The Pope's address, his annual Christmas message, was directed to the whole world.

He spoke on the eve of the 1950 Holy Year which, he said, "must be decisive, especially for the longed-for renewal of the modern world."

The Pontiff expressed hope that this Holy Year would witness the return to the one true Church, awaited over the centuries with good reason.

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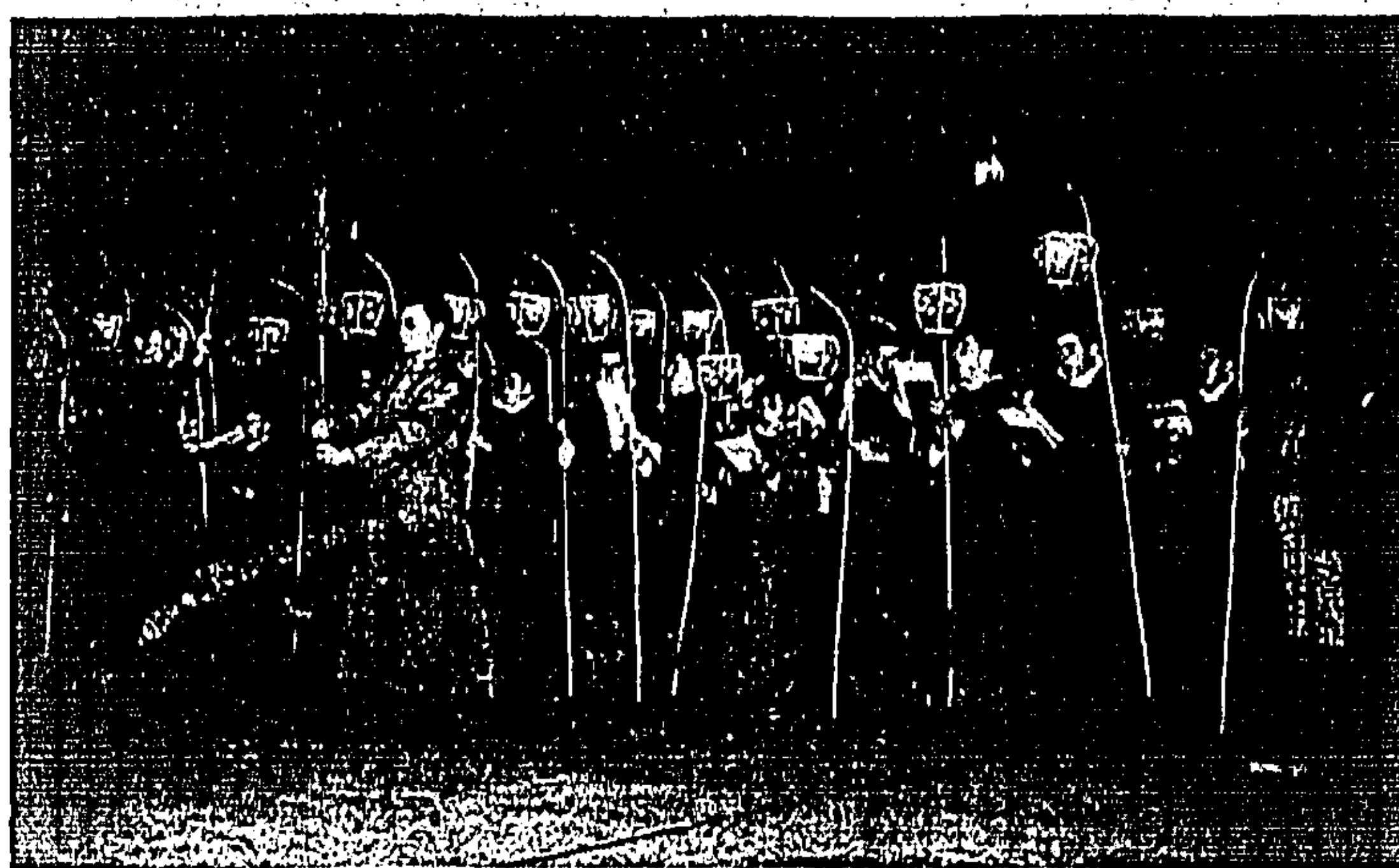
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St. John's carol singers



The Christmas spirit came to Government House yesterday when carols were sung on the lawn by the St. John's Cathedral choir. The choir, seen above at Government House, later repeated their performance at Queen Mary Hospital. ("China Mail" Photo).

TRAMWAY "GO SLOW": BUS MEN'S DEMANDS

The Colony's tramway service, as the result of a decision taken by discontented workers last night, will be subjected to a "go slow" movement as from this morning.

The meeting of Tramways workers last night decided on this step because no reply had been received from the Company to their ultimatum, which expires at 5 a.m. today.

Meanwhile, backing up the tramway men's stand, workers of the China Motor Bus Company yesterday handed in to the management a demand for an extra HK\$3 a day allowance and various adjustments in New Year bonus and other benefits.

The busmen's demands were framed on almost identical lines as those of their fellow utility workers, and the same reason was given, namely, inadequacy of the present scale of pay and rehabilitation allowance, due to the rise in living costs.

Workers of the Hong Kong Electric Company were told by their management yesterday morning in reply to their demand for a HK\$80 a month HCL allowance that their pay at present was quite sufficient, and that it was only a comparative few who were dissatisfied.

The management further told the five-man delegation representing the workers that they represented only the dissatisfied few.

At a meeting held among themselves late last night, the workers decided to make a further approach to the management. If their demands were still refused, they would proceed to take action, it was resolved.

Telephone Company workers made a similar decision last night.

In the meantime a manifesto issued jointly by the workers of the five utility companies—the Hong Kong Electric Company, Hong Kong Tramways Limited, Hong Kong Telephone Company, China Light and Power Company, and the Hong Kong and China Gas Company—charged their management with callous disregard for the welfare of their employees many of whom, it said, had rendered faithful service through thick and thin.

Despite huge profits made by these companies, the workers charged, they had refused even to consider the appeal of their employees for amelioration of their living conditions.

The rising cost of living, they pointed out, was not of the workers' creation, and the Government-fixed rehabilitation allowance, despite revisions, was entirely below actual costs.

"The employers have chosen to seek refuge behind these Government-fixed figures, and have used them as an excuse for rejecting their workers' just demand," the manifesto went on.

Figures quoted in support of their claim that present pay scale was inadequate, the manifesto quoted the income of workers in the Tramway Company and the Telephone Company.

The highest-paid skilled labourer in the Tramway Company, they said, was receiving less than HK\$200 a month, basic pay, and rehabilitation allowance combined. A gate attendant was receiving in all HK\$120 a month.

In the Telephone Company, an overwhelming majority of the workers, belonging to the medium and low grades, A middle grade workman receives, pay and allowance combined, from HK\$160 to \$170 a month; while the lower grade man gets HK\$130 a month.

"We leave it to the public to be the arbiters to digest impartially these figures, and say whether they represent a living wage

for a man with the smallest family, with living costs as they are at present," the manifesto went on.

"Let the impression get about that on their present pay, the men are in fact well off, and should have no reason to complain," the manifesto said, "figures talk louder than mere claims."

The consequences Of the tramway men alone, an average of 50 had to seek medical attention daily, due mainly to malnutrition, it claimed. Twenty were suffering from tuberculosis which has become incurable. More than half the men suffered from digestive complaints.

And yet, the manifesto charged, the employers, well knowing these facts, refused to do anything and instead termed the men's demand as unjustified.

To add insult to injury, the manifesto went on, some had imposed on the workers' movement a political background.

"If asking for a living wage is a political move, then you may call our demand by whatever term you like. We have also been warned of the consequences if we resorted to drastic action to enforce our demands."

"We are all aware of this, but human nature being what it is, cold and hunger are such an impelling force that driven to the desperation point, one is liable to forget the consequence."

Appeal for sympathy The manifesto concluded by urging all those who had the public welfare at heart, and especially the lot of the workers, and in particular the more than 4,000 utility workers, whose humble services kept the everyday life of a community going without hitch, to consider the problem from a broader angle and not just within the confines of interests most immediately concerned.

Representatives of the Postal Workers' Union called on the Commissioner of Labour, on Thursday to press their demand for a HK\$300-a-month extra allowance, but they were told that until the matter had been decided the matter had been decided could give.

TYPHOID IN SHIP A twelfth member of the crew of the 20,000-ton Peninsular and Oriental liner Mooltan, which arrived here from Australia last week, was taken to hospital today suffering from typhoid fever. Five other men are in hospital under observation.

Workers who yesterday returned to go aboard the liner resumed work today after their employers had guaranteed to repay any losses of wages if they or members of their families should contract typhoid through working on the liner.—Reuter.

Savannah, Georgia, December 23. The crew of 11 of a United States Air Force Superfortress bomber, were killed when it crashed in flames in a marsh near here last night.—Reuter.

Sterling area trade with Japan

Washington, December 23.

The new trade agreement between the United Kingdom and Japan is expected to result in \$281,400,000 worth of commerce between the two countries for the year ending next July 1, the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates.

Under the agreement, the sterling areas are expected to ship \$154,000,000 worth of goods to Japan.

The agreement was signed on November 22 and became effective as of last July 1.

The sterling areas covered in the pact include the United Kingdom and the Crown Colonies, except Hong Kong, and do not include Australia, India, New Zealand and South Africa.

The principal commodities expected to be shipped by the United Kingdom to Japan are cotton, cereals, wool, iron ore, rubber, silk, petroleum, hides, skins and tanning materials.

Japan is expected to ship to the sterling areas under the agreement textiles, machinery, canned fish, lumber, metals, electrical products, chemicals, pottery and glassware.

Further trade between Japan and other sterling areas is expected during the year ending next July, the Department said. Pakistan and Burma are particularly concerned in this additional trade and may add another \$75,000,000 to the total.—Associated Press.

MALAYA BAN Kuala Lumpur, December 23. The flying of foreign flags and the displaying of pictures of national leaders of foreign countries is banned in Malaya under an official Bill proposed and passed by the Federal Legislative Council of Malaya today.

Under the new law only the flags of the Federation and of the Malay States and the Union Jack may be flown. The usual diplomatic privileges respecting flags and national emblems will continue, however.

Similar legislation has already been enacted by the Singapore Legislative Council.—Reuter.

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CAT plane takes look at Kunming

A Civil Air Transport plane left for Kunming from Haiphong yesterday morning on a survey flight, according to an official of CAT yesterday.

The aircraft, which was piloted by Captain R. E. Rousset, did not land at Kunming airfield. She returned to Haiphong in the afternoon.

Earlier in the morning, the Chinese Air Force Headquarters at Taiwan cabled the local CAT office, advising the latter not to dispatch any plane to Kunming as the situation there is still very critical.

The CAT cable further said that during yesterday morning no plane had gone to Kunming. However, while the CAT aircraft was circling over Kunming airfield, the ground radio station told Captain Rousset that the situation in Kunming was improving.

The ground station, which was believed to be a CAF station, further told Captain Rousset that two C-46s had landed at Kunming airfield yesterday morning.

Troops seen

Suspecting that the situation at the airfield was not so good as the radio reported, Captain Rousset did not land but circled over the airfield. He noticed that while he was above the airfield, truck-loads of troops were being unloaded on the landing strip.

Furthermore, he saw numerous CAF aircraft scattered throughout the field.

In a cable message in which Captain Rousset reported the situation to the local CAT office, the captain further said that he thought the whole affair in Kunming was "phony." He further said that the last strips of the airfield were blocked with oil drums.

According to Captain Rousset's report, the Trans Asiatic Airways' aircraft which left here for Kunming two days ago, was still in Kunming.

Expected today

He said that the ground station advised him that the TAA aircraft was to have left for the mainland yesterday evening.

KUNMING IMPASSE

Taipei, December 23.

The war situation on the mainland, reports here said today, is tense.

The Nationalists still are unable to clear Kunming of rebels who are holding dependents of Nationalist Army commanders as hostages.

Meanwhile, a \$10,000,000 U.S. aid fund for Taiwanese industry immediately, was recommended today by a joint conference of American Economic Co-operation Administration and Nationalist officials.

The money would be taken from the January 15 from the \$75,000,000 China aid fund which President Truman holds.

The recommendation came out of a joint meeting called by Mr. K. C. Wu, new Governor of Taiwan and former Mayor of Shanghai.

The recommendation will be submitted to the ECA office in Washington.—Associated Press.

ARMY CHANGES London, December 23. The War Office announces that the King has approved the appointment of Major-General N. C. Brownjohn, Vice-Quartermaster-General, War Office, to be Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, next February.

Lieutenant-General Sir Gerald W. Templer, Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, has been appointed General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command.—Reuter.

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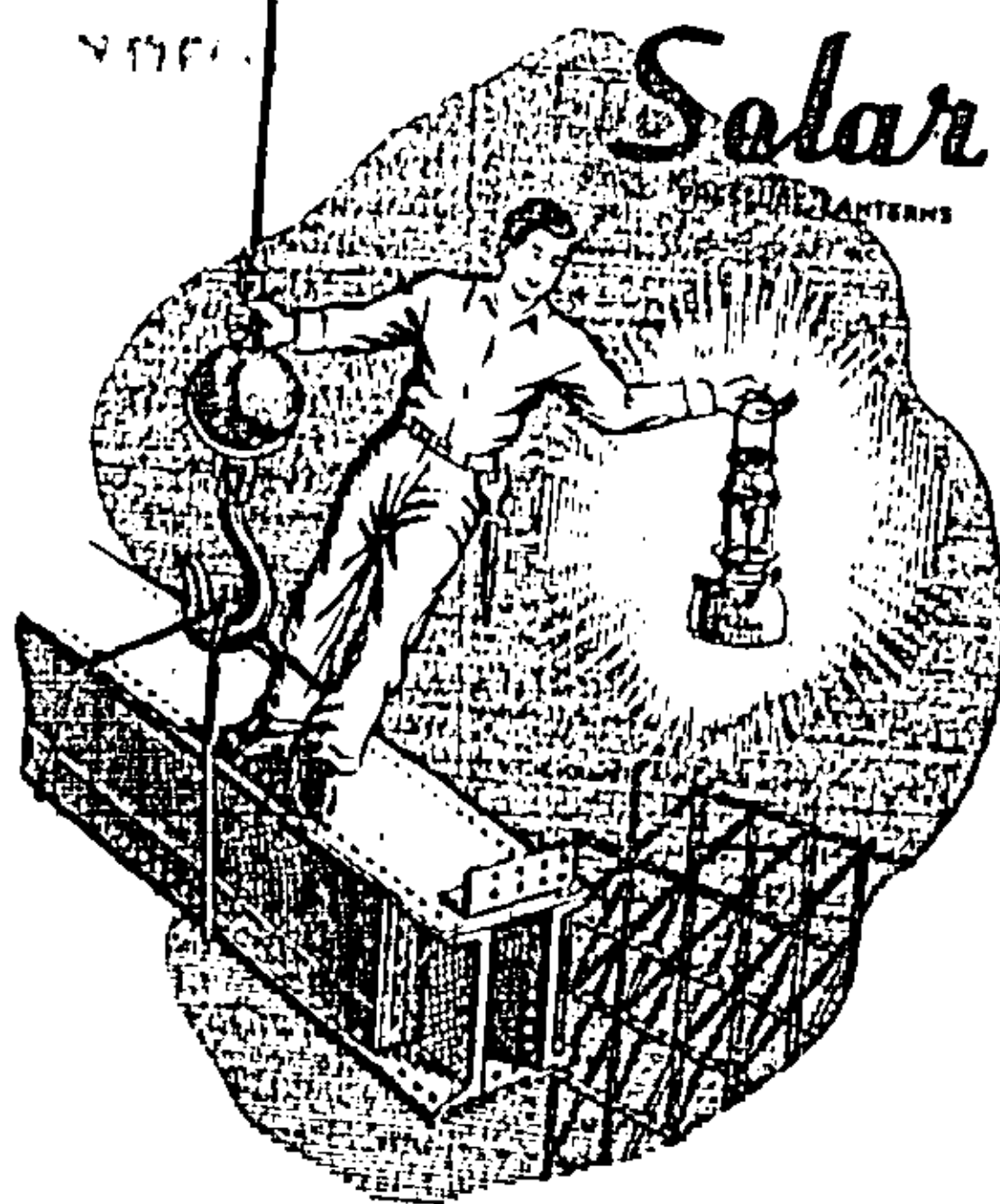
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JUDGMENT RESERVED IN CHINESE CASE

Chennault application rejected

Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, yesterday rejected the application filed in the name of Major General Chennault, who had withdrawn his application for a writ of habeas corpus against the Chinese Nationalist Government, on the grounds that the application was "unconnected with the matter."

CANADIAN SHIP'S VENTURE

The Canadian freighter, ss. Lake Canim, which left Hong Kong two weeks ago to break the blockade to Shanghai, is still waiting at the mouth of the Yangtze river outside Chinese territorial waters.

The Master of the Lake Canim reported to his Hong Kong office yesterday that the two Yangtze channels are being patrolled by Chinese Nationalist warships, and that he had not yet had an opportunity to slip into Shanghai.

About a week ago, the ss. Lake Canim attempted unsuccessfully to break the blockade under cover of fog, but the fog lifted, and the Nationalist warship fired a warning shot at the Canadian ship.

The vessel, which a news agency erroneously reported as having been sunk, was the Yangtze for the last 10 days. It is the 10,000-ton freighter does not break the Shanghai blockade within the next three days, it intends to take its cargo to the North China port of Tientsin.

IN MEMORIAM

All ranks 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) remember with pride Colonel L.A. Newnam G.C., M.C., Lt. Colonel W.H.M. Stewart D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. and 895 all ranks of their predecessors who died either during operations in Hong Kong in 1941 or later as Prisoners of War of the Japanese.

The preliminary phase of the dispute for the discharge of a Supreme Court injunction for the control of Chinese assets left in Hong Kong concluded yesterday.

The Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, reserved his decision until some time after the Christmas holidays in the case of the National Resources Commission—the first of the three properties to be dealt with.

The other two are the China National Aviation Corporation and the Central Air Transport Corporation, all three properties of which are estimated at \$30,000,000.

Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, with Mr. Percy Chen and Mr. B.A. Bernatchi, instructed by Ford Ewan and Company, are representing the defendant employees of the three concerns. They were asking for the discharge of the interim injunction made against them by Sir Leslie last month.

Mr. H.G. Sheldon, KC, the Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, and Mr. D.A.L. Wright, on the instructions of Wilkinson and Grist, represented the plaintiffs, the Nationalist NRC, CNAC, and CATC.

The present case proceeded on the injunction against the employees of the Commission, the other two matters having been agreed upon to stand over till further notice.

No recognition

The second point he wished to make, counsel went on, was that no other person or entity was recognised by His Majesty's Government as representing China. Thirdly, there was no de facto recognition, let alone de jure recognition, of the other government.

"Until there is recognition, property within the jurisdiction of a State not yet recognised belongs to the preceding government," Mr. d'Almada contended.

In reply to a query from the Chief Justice, Mr. d'Almada submitted that the Secretary of State could not instruct the Court here to the effect that Britain recognised the Communist government as a de facto government. There must first be some formal act of recognition from His Majesty's Government, he added.

Mr. d'Almada went on to say that if His Majesty's Government recognises that government as a de facto government, the position would be entirely different. But the position is that there is no de facto recognition, whereas on the other hand, the Nationalist Government is recognised as de jure.

Turning to the subject of Taiwan's status, Mr. d'Almada said there was no evidence that because the Government of China was no longer in China but in Taiwan, it was a political corpse, and added that it was recognised by His Majesty's Government.

Interjecting, Sir Leslie informed counsel that he wanted something more precise as to the status of Taiwan, and that he could not rely only on what he had read in the newspapers.

Mr. d'Almada replied that his point was that there is no difference at all whether or not Taiwan is Chinese territory, as long as the Government which had moved there is recognised de jure. Declaring that the Court was being asked by the other side that this sovereign government no longer exists, counsel submitted that the Court was not concerned with the question of the validity of the defendants' dismissal. Assuming that the defendants were not dismissed—which in fact they were—the position is no different. The property, he stressed, is that of the Nationalist Government.

In reply to a question from Sir Leslie as to what the position were if the Court went to the Secretary of State and asked him the question of de facto recognition, Mr. d'Almada stated that that would be irrelevant. (The present position, he explained, was that there is a de jure recognition to one Government and no de jure recognition to the other.)

The names of the Consolidated International Corporation Limited, the Fongden Brisbane and the Fongden Hong Kong Limited, 152, Kowloon Road, Mill Company Limited, the United Amusement Company Limited, and the United Development Company (China) Limited, will be struck off the Companies' Register unless cause is shown to the contrary within three months.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS HOURS OF BUSINESS LANE, CRAWFORD LTD.

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Mr. J.F. Nicoll, Colonial Secretary, left Hong Kong by RMS Canton yesterday for the United Kingdom on leave. He was seen off by a number of friends and colleagues at the wharf. ("China Mail" Photo).

JEBSEN'S APPEAL IN TAX CASE SUCCEEDS

The Full Appeal Court yesterday allowed an appeal by Jobson and Company, of Poddar Building, with costs against a Court decision which held that certain monies kept by the company were taxable.

The Court—comprising Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, and Mr. Justice Gould, Puisne Judge—ruled that the accretion of HK\$38,991.87 of the company was capital appreciation, and not trading profit.

The Commissioner of Inland Revenue, the respondent, was ordered to pay the costs of the previous hearing, as well as that of the last.

Mr. John McNeill on the instructions of Mr. H.J. Armstrong appeared on behalf of Jobson and Company. The respondent was represented by Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr. C.W. North of the Inland Revenue Department.

The matter first arose out of a dispute between the parties which was settled before a Board of Review. The Board had held that the sum concerned was derived from an appreciation in the value of American dollar balances which occurred before 1947 and was not taxable profit for the year.

Official Notices, Appointments

Mr. Henry Wyldie Edwards, Health, has been appointed to be an Assistant Commissioner of Police with effect from October 5.

Miss Mabel Lucy Everett has been appointed to be Principal Matron with effect from December 7.

Miss Helen Gordon Grant has been appointed to be Matron Grade I, with effect from December 7.

Miss Helen Craig Fisher has been appointed to be Matron Grade II, with effect from December 7.

Mr. Walter William Edgar Collard has been appointed to be an Assistant Secretary to the Urban Council with effect from December 16.

Messrs. Ng Hong-yat, Simon Lee and Ip Hui-kan have been appointed to be Food Officers.

Mr. Walter Philip Thompson has been appointed to be an Assistant Commissioner of Police with effect from October 4.

Mr. Theodore Ralph Ingram has been appointed to be an Assistant Commissioner of Registration with effect from December 19.

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CYPRUS FLOOD TRAGEDY

Nicosia, December 22.

Eighteen passengers were officially reported as missing, feared drowned, today from a bus which was swept away in central Cyprus during the night in the island's worst floods for 20 years.

Low-flying Royal Air Force Beaufighter planes and Army units are helping police and other rescue squads comb the countryside around Asala village which has been flooded by the River Vasilas after five days of rain.

They are also seeking three occupants of a military lorry which had been travelling from Famagusta to Nicosia. The lorry had been carried off by the rising waters.

Five passengers of the bus, which was earlier reported to have been carrying 25 people, had already been rescued.

Sir Andrew Wright, Governor of Cyprus, visited the area this morning and spoke to relatives waiting in the rain for news since midnight.

Nicosia, the capital, was cut off and railway services suspended with the line washed away in four places.—Reuter.

Talks on Indo-U.S. relations

New Delhi, December 22.

The 10-day unofficial India-American relations conference which concluded today emphasised the need of improving closer understanding and developing further research of mutual problems.

The conference, consisting of 20 delegates from each country, sat through a table to discuss 1. political and diplomatic, 2. economic, and 3. cultural relations between India and America.

Tonight's Press release of the 10 days in camera discussions said that both delegations agreed to co-operate closely in the interests of world peace, culture and civilisation. The United States represented power and India vision.

They said, adding that vision without power was weak and futile, and power without vision was destructive and dangerous. They said that closer integration should make India more American and America more Indian.—Associated Press.

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Personalities

Among the arrivals here from Manila by CPA yesterday were Messrs. Ricardo J.A. da Luz, Leonides de Leon, Philip F. Vandenbrouck, Rev. Fr. Johannes, William McClellan and Yu Hong.

Among the departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Mrs. S.F. Feng, Miss G.F. Hildane, Mrs. D.G. Old, Messrs. P.R. Chichar, C.H. Tucker, C.A. Fillingim, S. Kowalek, C.C. McCarthy, Chan Fook, Lin Ching, Lee Chee-jan, J. Fernando and W.W. McKenzia.

New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Morgado, Mrs. L.I. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stephens, Messrs. J.P. Van Der Water, J.R. O'Brien, W. Zimmer, F. Lionetti, T. Kugawa and Miss J. Payne.

Mr. E.O. Steedman arrived in Hong Kong by the ss. Hai Meng yesterday.

Captain F.V. Stopford, Gunner G. Wren, Warrant Officer McNeil and Sapper Marshall left Hong Kong for the United Kingdom by BOAC yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wadsworth left for Bangkok by BOAC yesterday.

Departures for Calcutta by BOAC yesterday included Messrs. Lol Yock, M. Datto and Mr. Yamada.

Mr. Edgar Ah Chang left for Karachi by BOAC yesterday.

APPEAL COURT IN CANADA

Ottawa, December 22.

The Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, announced today that an Act has been proclaimed under which the Supreme Court of Canada becomes the final Court of Appeal in Canadian legal proceedings.

He said that the Supreme Court has been increased to nine members.

Appeals to the Privy Council will still be possible in cases of litigation already under way but not in any case commenced after today.

At his Press conference today, the Prime Minister also announced that General A.G.L. McNaughton, the permanent Canadian delegate to the United Nations, has been appointed to the International Joint Commission, which supervises matters of joint concern to Canada and the United States, such as waterways.

The question of appointing a successor to the permanent delegate to the United Nations is under consideration.—Reuter.

ASMARA CHARGE

Asmara, December 22.

Two Ethiopians and an Eritrean appeared before a British court here yesterday on charges arising from bomb-throwing in the centre of Asmara on December 12.

Under the Italian penal code, they were charged with "contempting" the Emperor. Five hand-grenades were thrown at the main gate of the British Information Service offices in the Via Lorenzini Asmara last night of the bombs exploded.

An Italian doctor, Signor Attilio Matti, who was hit by a bullet in the same street later that day, died in hospital.—Reuter.

MURDERED GIRL

Berlin, December 22.

The body of a 20-year-old German girl who had been strangled was found today along the railway track near the Soviet-British joint border point at Holmstedt, United States Military Zone. She had been thrown from a train. She has not yet been identified.—Associated Press.

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Reminders

Today

Nine Dragons Services Club, Xmas Eve Carol Singing, 8 p.m.
Seventh Annual Exhibition of Chinese Products, on site opposite Peninsula Hotel, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sutton Home and Mission to Seamen, Xmas Eve Midnight Service, Holy Communion, 11.45 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church, Evening Prayer, Carol at 4 p.m.
Xmas Social for Forces at 7 p.m. in Church Hall, Mid-night and Holy Communion with Christmas Hymns at 11.30 p.m.
Midnight Mass at all Catholic Churches.
Thomas of Nazareth, Carol at St. Paul's, 8.30 p.m.
Holy Xmas Eve Carol, Xmas Eve Carol, 8.30 p.m.
Special Dinner, 8 p.m.
Special Dinner, 8 p.m. at J.K. Hotel, Peninsula Hotel, The Hotel, Bay Hotel and The Hotel.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
The J. Classical Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church, 7 a.m. Holy Communion, 11 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns, 10 a.m. Evening Prayer, 8.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Carol, 8.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Carol, 8.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Carol, 8.30 p.m.
Seventh Annual Exhibition of Chinese Products, on site opposite Peninsula Hotel, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Framed picture as court exhibit

A neat, hand-painted framed picture exhibited in court yesterday before Mr. Hin-shing Lo, was the centre of a hearing in the Lockhart Road Gaming House Case now drawing to a close. The picture was a subject of great significance yesterday on which the contending parties, the defence and the prosecution sought to hinge their respective case.

Assistant Superintendent V. Morrison, conducting the case for the Police, endeavoured to prove that the picture was an ingenious "Tai-Sai" gambling plan. Meanwhile, Mr. J. M. D'Almeida, the defence lawyer, brought evidence to show that the picture was an ornamental object. Judgment was reserved.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, yesterday evening after Mr. D'Almeida's evidence had closed his case. Charged are Fung Wah and Chai Chun, a woman and 10 others. The named defendants face a count of keeping a gaming house. Other defendants face the charge of participating.

Mr. Morrison referred to the painting and alleged that it was on the table with some money when he and his party of Police raided the cockpit at 31 Lockhart Road on August 5.

The painting was one of many drawings of 2 and figures purporting, Mr. Morrison alleged, to represent the ordinary plan of the "Tai-Sai" game. Along the upper edge of the drawing are a number of different drawings of fruits grouped in ones, twos, threes etc. In the centre are two pictures of Snow White dwarfs, one larger than the other.

The defence's chief witness in yesterday's hearing was 10-year-old Chan Hon-sin, nephew of one of the accused. The lad, in

To eliminate undesirable influences which have been at work among the staff and students of the Fisheries School at Aberdeen, the Government will resume full occupation of the school building at the end of the current school term.

It was officially announced yesterday that the premises will be converted into a Government Primary School.

Children attending the School at present may then apply for admission to the re-organised school provided their standard is appropriate to the classes the Director of Education proposes to open. School fees will be HK\$2 a month. Government subsidy to the school will be continued up to the end of the year to enable the Chairman of the present School Committee to pay staff members.

The official statement said that the Government's action is the climax of a long but hitherto unending effort to eliminate undesirable influences which have been at work among staff and students in Fisheries School.

In September, the School Committee was reconstituted and a Government Headmaster appointed. The reconstituted Committee consisted of representatives of Government and of the old Committee, together with a member of the staff of the Aberdeen Regional Seminary well known for his interest in educational matters. It was hoped that such a Committee composed of educational experts and the representative of the local fishermen would succeed where the old committee had failed in converting the school from a semi-political into a genuine educational institution.

Flags, emblems

In October, however, it was reported to the Director of Education that political flags and emblems were being displayed in the school. The Committee of Management was immediately reminded that its school premises, being Government pro-

perty, must not be used for the expression of political feelings. The attitude of the Government in this matter is well known: it imposes no restraint on the legitimate feelings of any individual but the spread of party influence will not be tolerated in any school occupying Government property. Free of rent, together with a considerable subsidy from public funds.

The Chairman of the School Committee in his reply to the Director of Education's letter regarding this matter stated that his Committee would take no responsibility for the removal of political emblems in the school, and that the Director could consequently take any action he liked in the matter. The fact was that although a majority of the Committee accepted the Government's point of view, a minority was unwilling to do so.

A rift in the Committee thus developed which it has since been impossible to heal. School discipline has become gravely affected and many of the students openly defied the Headmaster's authority.

The Director of Education, added the statement, is fully aware of the danger to which school children are exposed by such a state of affairs, and at the same time he realises the necessity of giving proper educational facilities to as many children in the Aberdeen area as possible.

After full consideration of the matter he has decided to close the present Fisheries School and to open in its stead a new Primary School fully staffed, maintained and administered by Government.

New school

The Committee of Management of the Fisheries School has consequently been informed that after the present school term the premises which the school occupies will no longer be at their disposal, and that as from February 1, it will be used for a Government Primary School. To this new school students at the present school will be eligible for admission provided they are of the appropriate standard for the classes which the Director of Education proposes to open.

It is hoped, said the statement, that this action will once and for all remove the children from the contaminating influences of local politicians and give them a school devoted to the interests of a truly unbiased type of education.

The Director of Education had believed, and still does believe, that much good can come from the association of Government and local interests in the conduct of education. That it has not proved to be so in this case is a matter which he deeply regrets.

The action which he has now taken appears to be the only course open to him, and it has the support of a great number of local inhabitants who for long have wanted a Government school at Aberdeen, the statement concluded.

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Bangkok on account of cholera and arrivals from Bombay and Bandoeng on account of plague have been removed.

BOAC Xmas plane delayed

The late plane from the United Kingdom before Christmas was delayed by a few hours yesterday as previously scheduled. The British Overseas Airways aircraft which will bring Christmas mail and gifts from the UK will probably stay overnight in Bangkok. She is expected to arrive here early this morning.

CONTROLLED FOOD PRICES

Additional amendments to controlled prices of certain commodities were announced by the Director of Supplies and Industry yesterday. The re-adjusted prices are:

FOODSTUFFS

Maximum Retail Price
Cereals, Three Years Rolled Oats, \$1.60 a 20-ounce tin.
Meal-Canned, Broom Mixed, \$2.30 per 16 oz. tin, Ham Loaf-Mayfair Brand, \$1.60 per 12 oz. tin, Thin Milk, Unsweetened, Ideal, \$0.45 per 6 oz. tin.
Fresh, New Zealand (Anchor Brand), \$2.70 per lb.
Fish, Fine Red Salmon-S. & W. Brand, \$3.00 per 1/2 size flat tin, Fine Red Salmon-S. & W. Brand, \$3.75 per No. 1 flat tin, Sharpe & Doherty Products, H. F. I. Powder-small, \$1.30, B. F. I. Powder-large, \$3.35, Vitamin, 14 oz., \$7.40.
Jam, I. K. L. Brand Apricot, \$0.70 per 12 oz. tin, I. K. L. Brand (Assorted), \$0.70 per 12 oz. tin, Meat-Canned, Corned Beef-Flamper Brand, \$1.00 per 12 oz. tin, Vienna Sausages-Smorgon Brand, \$1.85 per 10 1/2 oz. tin.

CAROL SINGING

As a special Christmas Eve presentation, Rediffusion has arranged to broadcast a half-hour of Christmas Carols by the Catholic Cathedral Choir of St. Henry Beretta.

The programme will be heard at 5 p.m. today and will originate in the Catholic Cathedral on Canton Road. The organ accompaniment will be by Miss Elsa Chan. The programme will consist of carols old and new, some in English and in Latin, and promises to be one of the most enjoyable special Christmas features arranged by Rediffusion for the holiday season.

HAD NO LICENCE

On three charges of driving without a licence, driving an unlicensed vehicle and driving without the permission of the owner, Taul Tat-ting, China National Aviation Corporation mechanic, was fined \$225 by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday. Prosecution alleged that on December 2 defendant took a jeep belonging to CNAC out for a test after repairs were made to the vehicle, which had its licence suspended. He ditched the jeep causing slight injuries to a passenger.

FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices ruling at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Road, yesterday were:-
First quality Average
Yellow Croaker \$1.00
Mud Grunter 2.50
Ginger Fish 1.50
White Pomfret (large) 2.50
White Pomfret (small) 1.50
Sea Bream 1.50
Mackerel (large) 1.50
Mackerel (small) 1.10
Golden Thread 1.50
Horse Head (small) 1.50
Copper Pike 1.50
Hair Tail 1.50

Annual report of Inland Revenue Dept.

A net total of HK\$40,285,200.31 was collected by the Inland Revenue Department during 1948-49, according to the annual report of the Commissioner of Inland Revenue. The total was HK\$285,200.30 more than the official estimate.

The Commissioner stated in his report that the difference between the average profits returned and the average profits assessed is again striking, especially in the case of unincorporated businesses.

The difference is, to some extent, explained by the fact that the average returned includes a large number of businesses returning profits under \$7,000 which, on investigation, have proved unlikely to be assessable. Nevertheless, even allowing for these, there is a very considerable difference between profits returned and profits finally assessed.

It is still true to say that a very large number of taxpayers do not realise that private drawings and expenses are not allowable deductions for tax purposes. It will no doubt be some years before this fact is generally appreciated and given effect to in returns.

The large proportion of exempt cases—cases of profits under \$7,000 a year—requires some explanation. In a great many cases the smallness of the profits results from the peculiar "family" nature of many Chinese businesses.

Such businesses are run, not for the personal profit of the owner, or apparent owner, but as part of a general scheme for the mutual support of the members of the family, using the term "family" in a wide sense.

The securing of employment for members of the family is a more important and immediate object than the making of large profits. Other features of the general scheme usually include the exploitation of family lands in the neighbouring districts of China to which, in bad times, members of the family can and do return.

Investigation in many of these cases reveals that the standard of living of the apparent proprietors is low and consistent with the communal nature of the business.

Gambler's hope
A further explanation is the custom, not now so prevalent as before the recent war, of acquiring a business not for steady profit but as a means of spreading over a period, longer than they would otherwise cover, funds intended to be used for maintenance and living expenses rather than as a revenue-producing investment.

The hope of successful trading is also present, but this hope partakes more of the nature of a gambler's hope of a stroke of luck than of a reward of industry and effort.

Property Tax: To the Property Tax Demand Notes issued during the year, totalling \$3,549,706.79, must be added the arrears brought forward from the previous year (\$1,029.24) and penalties added for late payment (\$8,896.38) giving a total of \$3,559,632.41. Of this sum, demands to a total of \$28,245.00 were discharged. Actual collections totalled \$3,522,540.56, leaving \$11,895.93 outstanding at the end of the year.

Salaries and Annuities Tax: Various adjustments and set-offs as detailed in Schedules C and D, resulted in Demand Notes to a total of \$3,250,935.12 being issued in respect of the assessments recorded above. Penalties totalling \$4,968.09 were added for delays in payment, and \$191,286.34 brought into account in respect of outstanding at 31st March, 1948. Demands to the sum of \$80,765.45

were discharged on revisions of assessments under various provisions and a claim for \$41.23 was abandoned, as irrecoverable. Actual collections totalled \$3,066.88 were added for delays in payment and \$1,590,236.74 brought into account in respect of outstanding at 31st March, 1948.

Profits Tax

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Demands to the sum of \$3,018,376.84 were discharged on revisions of assessments under various provisions and claims totalling \$1,050.00 were abandoned as irrecoverable. Actual collections totalled \$3,009,024.09, leaving \$231,351.03 outstanding at the end of the year.

Personal Assessment: Of the Personal Assessment Liabilities raised during the year, \$340,701.03, the sum of \$376,373.70 was offset by taxes paid under other Chapters.

Interest Tax: Various adjustments and set-offs, as detailed in Schedules C and D, resulted in Demand Notes to a total of \$1,279,130.33 being issued in respect of the assessments recorded above. Penalties totalling \$452.53 were added for delays in payment and \$7,012.70 brought into account in respect of outstanding at 31st March, 1948.

Demands totalling \$1,321.12 were discharged. No claims were abandoned. Actual collections totalled \$1,282,920.03, leaving \$2,353.81 outstanding at the end of the year.

Thirteen appeals to the Commissioner were lodged under section 66 of the Ordinance. One of these was outstanding at the end of the year and the remainder were disposed of.

In two cases dissatisfaction was expressed and notice of intention to appeal to the Board of Review was given. One of the appeals in which the assessment was confirmed was heard in London by the Commissioner whilst on leave in the United Kingdom.

Profits up

A substantial increase in the profits of corporations is to be noticed. 617 corporations producing for 1948-49 a total income some \$38,000,000 above that produced by 625 corporations for 1947-48.

The increase appears to characterise mostly the largest entities, since 22 are to be found in the "over \$2,000,000" group in 1948-49 as against 15 in 1947-48, whilst the average of this group has risen from \$3,200,000 to some \$4,500,000. The additional members of this group appear to have transferred themselves from the next lower group, \$1,000,001-\$2,000,000.

The group \$500,001-\$1,000,000 shows a substantial increase but the relative sizes of other groups show little change apart from a reduction in the lowest group. These factors point to a general increase throughout the whole range.

Similar features are to be found under Business Profits Tax, although it should be pointed out that assessment for 1947-48, being more nearly complete, contains a large proportion of small items.

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TAX EVASION

For evading payment of entertainment tax, four men, Wong Yung, Chan Yee, Chow Yung and Tso Ching, were fined \$25 each by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

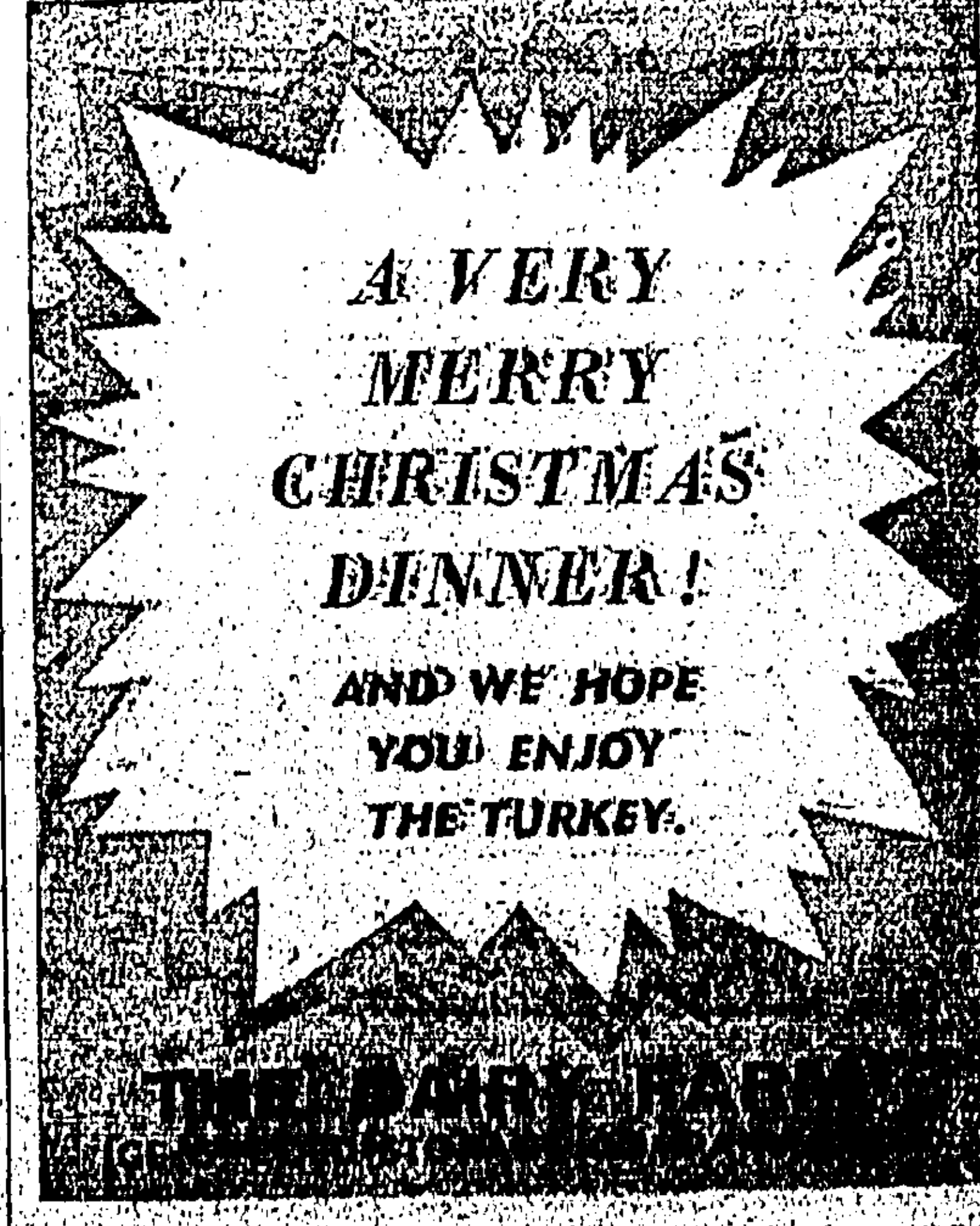
The first two defendants were alleged to have committed the offence at the Poi Ho Theatre, the last two at the Po Hing Theatre.

SIKH FESTIVAL

The festival of the Birthday of Guru Govind Singh, a Sikh deity, will be celebrated by the Sikh Community at the Sikh Temple on December 26, Monday. All Sikhs are invited.

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NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be held in St. John's Cathedral Hall on Wednesday 28th December 1949 at 5.30 p.m. The Right Reverend the Bishop will preside and Mr. David McGavin General Secretary of China Bible House will be the speaker.

NOTICE

All Harbour Ferry Services will be extended up to 12.00 Midnight on the following dates:

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24th, 25th & 26th Dec.

New Year

31st Dec 1st & 2nd Jan.

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Over 250,000 tickets have been disposed of to date.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Dec. 20, 1949.

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Annual report
of Inland
Revenue Dept.

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Under this tax also there is a striking increase in the profits of the larger units.

This, together with a reduction in the lower income groups accompanied by any marked change in the relative sizes of the groups, probably reflects a general increase in profits, although the larger number of small businesses still to be assessed for 1949/50 should not be overlooked.

Under Salaries and Annuities Tax (non-Government) there is disclosed a general movement from the lower to the medium ranges, a general increase being notable in the groups from \$27,000 to \$50,000 in relation to other groups. A similar movement is noticeable under Salaries and Annuities Tax (Government), the increase being notable, however, in the range \$12,000-\$37,000.

Personal Assessment shows little of interest in comparison, but as Personal Assessment necessarily follows assessment to Profits Tax only after an interval, it is somewhat premature to draw any conclusion from the figures available at March 31 1949.

Application
for return
of gold

Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart, made a second application before Mr. James Wickes at Kowloon yesterday for the return of 200 loads of gold belonging to Tam Kuen, alias Tam Sheung, who was arrested with four others on November 22 at Kai Tak Airport when \$10,500 in forged US\$100 notes purporting to be those of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York were seized.

Later, on a search warrant, Mr. T. Cushman, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, seized US\$350,000 more in forged banknotes on the first floor of 722 Nathan Road where the gold was seized. At 223 Jaffe Road, similar notes amounting to US\$277,000 were also seized.

In his application Mr. D'Alton said that defendant, charged with possession of forged banknotes, not uttering them, and that there is no connection between the gold and the charge.

Mr. Cushman, opposing the application, said that the gold was found with the forged banknotes under a baby's crib. He added that eight more loads of gold found in a drawer were left alone by the police. He said that investigation at present being carried out had not been completed.

The four other defendants, all charged with possession of forged banknotes, are Tam Choi-wo, Tam Chi-ping, Chan Yat-sang and Wong Kwong-chu.

Mr. Wickes adjourned the application until December 29 for decision.

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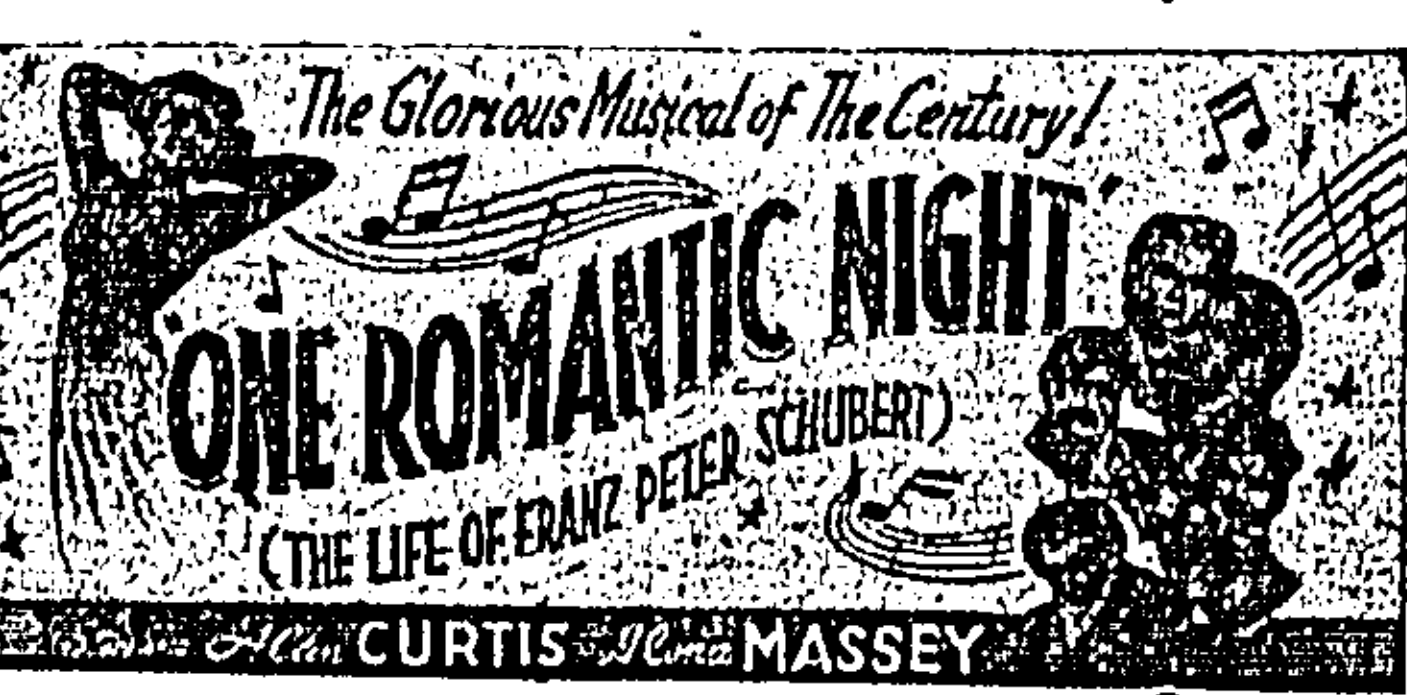
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S K J 7 5 4 2

H 8 0 2

D K

C K 4

S A 8 4

H None

D A Q J

C Q J 10 0

7 6 3

S 2

H A 10 7 5

D 10 9 5 4 3

C 8 5 2

(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable.)

South West North

1 H Pass 2 C Pass

2 H Pass 4 C Pass

1 H

East felt that, with his five-card major and eight cards all cold in the major suits, he ought to open the bidding, as did. He had no trouble at all with his second call, merely rebidding his hearts. Then came trouble for both partners.

West feared that a simple rebid of clubs would make his good hand sound weak. He didn't like 2-No Trumps with no cards at all to lead toward East's heart suit, and he couldn't very well

bid either of his three-carders.

So he jumped with his clubs to show he had a hand of opener strength and a reliable suit.

East yearned for the ability to bid 3-No Trumps, but couldn't over 4-Clubs. He would have bid 4-No Trumps in its natural sense but West would surely have considered it a Blackwood slam invitation following his own jump bid. Perhaps 3-Diamonds would have been the best choice among evils, despite the weakness of the suit, or else 3-No Trumps without diamonds stopped. But East vetoed all those and decided to bid hearts a third time, making his suit sound like at least a six-carder.

Now West had his troubles. Nothing he could think of seemed right, so he passed. "Yikes!" down five, as the defenders took the first eight tricks, due to ruffs that developed when East sneaked the spade 2 lead and later a diamond lead.

Funnest thing about this deal is that 3-No Trumps could be made easily, despite the freakish distribution.

Tomorrow's Problem

S 9 6 3

H A 8

D 6 3 2

C A Q 10 7 5

S Q J 4 2

H Q 7 5

D 3 2

C 5 4

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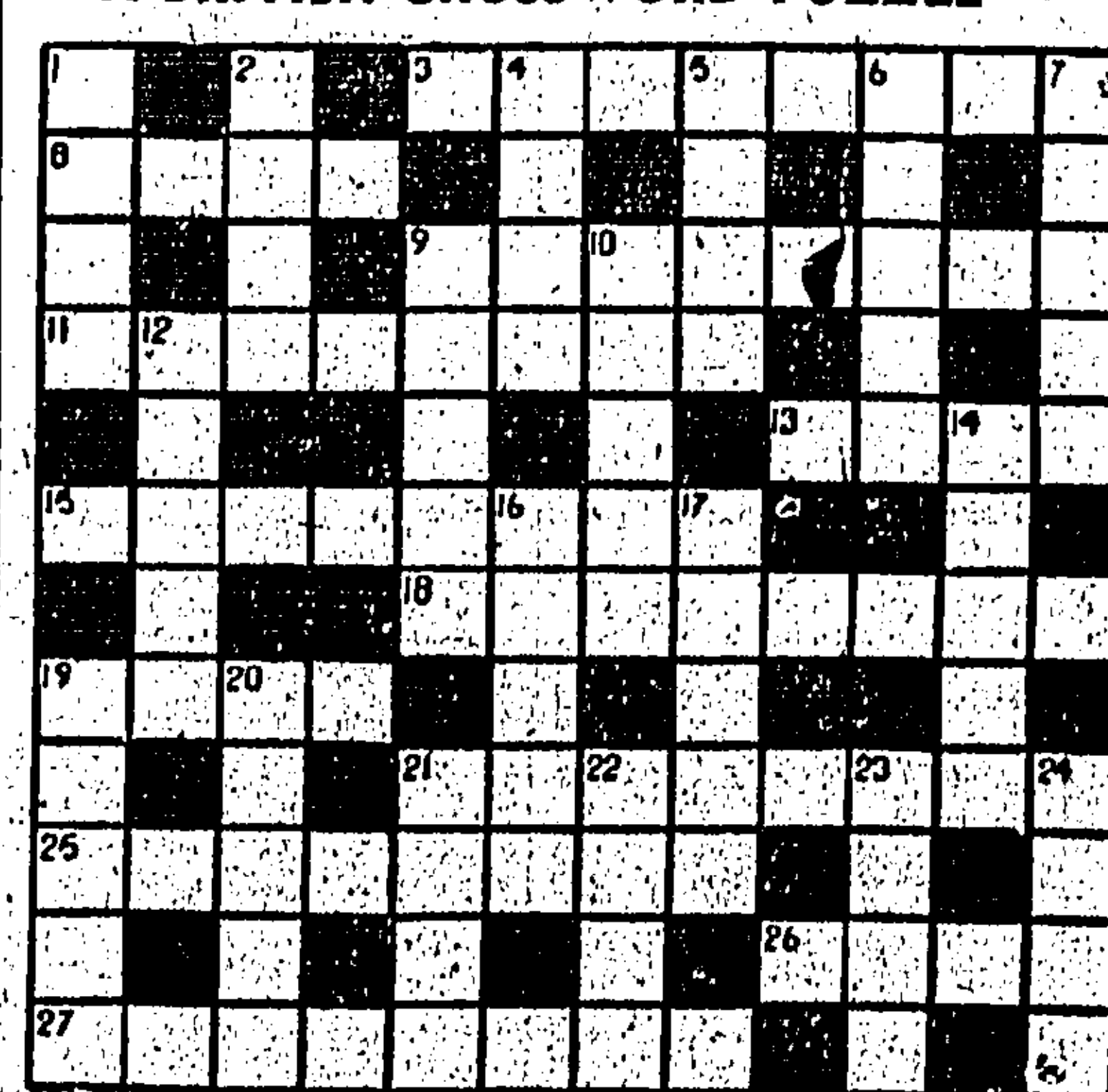
C 8 6 4

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)

What would you consider the best defence against South's 3-

No Trumps?

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Across

3 Put forward. 16 Freed.

8 Take notice. 19 Spared.

9 Withdraw. 21 Local.

10 From. 23 speech.

11 All there. 25 Vessels.

13 Ribs. 26 Two.

15 Hides. 27 Goes down.

Down

1 Stylish. 14 Turn away.

2 Denominate. 18 Nest.

4 Talk wildly. 17 Disposes of.

5 Stop. 19 Clear.

6 Condition. 20 Volume of.

7 Reside. 21 Dreadful.

9 Senior. 22 Waterless.

10 Coral reef. 23 Wild apple.

12 Form of. 24 Lively.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1. Recede. 4. Bland.

7. Attitude. 9. Fills. 10. Moment. 11.

Emerald. 13. Compare. 15. Rattle.

18. Final. 19. Allude. 20. Thrive.

21. Direct.

DOWN—1. Redun. 2. Elia. 3.

Blutter. 4. Breeze. 5. Aspirant. 6.

Defend. 10. Monstrum. 12. Merit.

13. Collier. 14. Allays. 16. Tutor.

17. Event.

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COMINFORM BLOCKADE HURTING YUGOSLAVIA

Paris, December 23.

According to the latest available information on Yugoslavia, the Cominform's economic blockade of that country has had serious repercussions.

However, the strength of Marshal Tito's military dispositions would seem to have delayed indefinitely any threat of actual invasion by the forces of the Soviet Union and its puppet satellites.

PLOTTERS FEAR NEW PLOT

Beirut, December 22.

The men behind Syria's third coup d'etat in nine months fear a counter-plot and have arrested "hostile" Army officers, according to reports reaching here from Damascus.

Colonel Abid Shishakal of the Arab Liberation Army and his followers seized power on Sunday after arresting the Chief of Staff, General Sami Hinnawi and his brother-in-law. Hinnawi had taken over in the same way himself only five months before.

President Hashem Atassi asked Khald Azem to form a Cabinet, but other Ministers would not accept as Defence Minister Akram Hawrani, insisted upon by the military.

The President then asked Hazim Kaddi to form a Government, but the army group would not have him because he favours Arab unity, and nominated their rejected candidate for the Defence Ministry as Premier.

He was unacceptable to the President, and a second candidate was nominated by the army group—Faris el Khoury, permanent Syrian representative to the United Nations but he refused.

Syria is still without a Government. —Reuter

SERGEANT WAS A FIRE BUG

Washington, December 22.

The Police said that a British sergeant, John Brian Holmes, took to General Sir William Morgan of the Combined Chiefs has admitted setting fire to a Washington apartment house last Saturday and to two cars early on Thursday.

Holmes was arraigned before the United States Commissioner on three charges of arson. Captain Roy Warfield, Assistant Fire Marshal, said Holmes re-enacted the scene of setting fire to the apartment house from which he later led residents to safety and for which he was acclaimed a hero. The Police said Holmes told them he was "terribly depressed" because of the war. —United Press

POW'S RELEASED

Bonn, December 22.

All the German prisoners of war taken by the Western Powers have now been released, the Allied High Commission told the West German Government today. The announcement was made following an exchange of letters yesterday in which the German Government had asked the High Commission and the Western Powers to do everything in their power to achieve a speedy release of German prisoners of war and deported persons still held by Soviet Russia and other Eastern European states. —Reuter.

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No effective sabotage

These include Savo Zlatic and

Boro Ljuminovic, who were quickly arrested.

There were four outstanding exceptions. Colonel-General Arso Jovanovic was shot for trying to flee to Rumania. Colonel Viado Danilovic, brother of loyal Colonel-General Peko Dapcevic, is in prison. Major-General Pero Popivoda, brother of a central committee member, and Major-General Branko Petricevic defected.

Sabotage efforts by the Cominform have been limited and not effective. Distribution of Moscow's propaganda literature has been scanty. However, there is no doubt that the economic boycott has had serious repercussions requiring every possible ounce of aid from the West.

As the result of the blockade Yugoslavia's trade deficit this year probably will be about \$30,000,000 as compared with \$14,000,000 in 1948. Trade declined about 20 per cent from last year's \$618,000,000 total. When the 1949 statistics are compiled it is probable Yugoslavia's balance of payment will show a net deficit of more than \$40,000,000.

At the start of this year Belgrade had a gold and foreign currency reserve of only about \$37,400,000. This is likely to have dwindled to less than \$10,000,000 by now. It is thus obvious that, even with her belt tightened, Yugoslavia is likely to need more credits and loans than those already granted by the United States Export-Import Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and on route from the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development.

JEAN SIMMONS' FANS IN SIAM

London, December 23.

The British film actress, Jean Simmons, has some pretty ardent fans in Siam. For the right to use her photograph on a calendar, a Siamese firm offered a consignment of either rice, teakwood, salt, pepper or bulk tin. Alternative offers: a bullock or buffalo. —Associated Press.

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"Unknown" wins big award

New York, December 22.

An "unknown" author, 27-year-old Max Steele, an ex-Serviceman, has won a literary award of \$10,000 here with his first book "Darby."

His novel was the unanimous choice of three judges out of 686 manuscripts submitted in Harper Brothers' prize novel contest, held every two years, designed to give special recognition to a fiction work of outstanding merit. —Reuter.

MODERN RAFFLES

London, December 22.

The police authorities believe that a prosperous and respectable London property owner, was found shot in a hotel in Virginia Water, to be "the world's most accomplished burglar." London crime reporters said tonight.

The police are convinced that the capital with which this man, 31-year-old Barry Fieldsend, carried out his property denials was obtained from his robbery.

They regard him as the man who stole £20,000 in jewels at Sunningdale near London, three years ago from the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. They also believe that he could have helped them to clear up a series of big and daring country house robberies, brilliantly directed by some master mind, in the past three or four years.

Fieldsend, released on a £25,000 bail by a London court last week over a jewel charge, had booked in at the hotel on Tuesday under an assumed name. He was found dead, propped up in bed yesterday. A pistol built into a walking stick handle was nearby. —Reuter.

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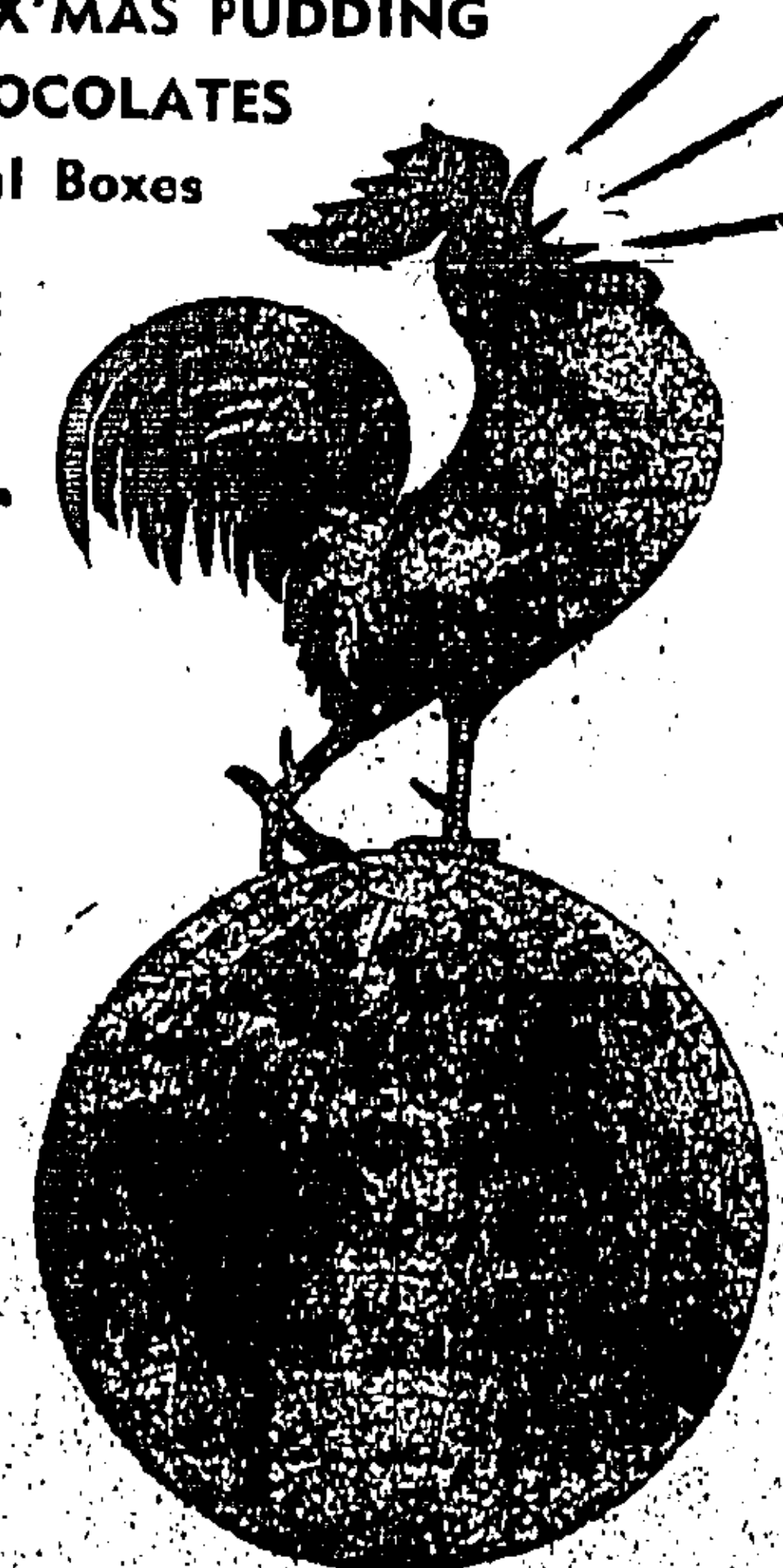
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Europe's oil supply a Marshall aid paradox

By RONALD BRECH

The most contentious part of the Marshall Plan is the development of oil refineries in Western Europe. Petroleum and its products account for much of Europe's dollar expenditure, so that any long-term solution must mean the development of refining capacity in non-dollar areas.

Western Europe, quite naturally, wants new refineries set up within the various participating countries, and the proposed plan is very ambitious. But American oil interests view with alarm—also quite naturally—the use of Marshall

dollars to institute competition to itself, not only in Europe, but also in other parts of the world.

Consumption is increasing

Although Europe is still primarily dependent on coal, its consumption of oil in transportation, agriculture and industry is increasing rapidly. "Furthermore," says a recent ECA study on petroleum and petroleum products, "lubricating oil is absolutely necessary to the economy of Europe, as it is to any industrialized economy."

In the current year, the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation has estimated that the participating countries of Western Europe will consume some 29 million metric tons of oil compared with 22½ million metric tons before the war. Transportation will need 18 million tons compared with 15 million tons pre-war, while agriculture and industry will consume 21 million tons against 7½ million tons pre-war.

Unless Europe can get this quantity of petroleum, recovery will be retarded. The ECA report goes on to say: "With the increase in European refining capacity there has been an increase in fuel-oil production for which industrial outlets have been available."

"Its increased use has permitted a rise in industrial activity that might otherwise have been supported with available domestic resources of other forms of energy."

"Increased refining within Europe has thus enabled the participating countries to supply a growing part of their own gasoline, kerosene, gas oil, lubricants and other products, for which there was no substitute form of energy, at a large saving in dollars and other currencies and has also permitted the increased use of fuel oil."

Can Europe meet the costs?

By 1953, even if the expansion in petroleum consumption develops according to plan, petroleum will supply only 12 per cent of Western Europe's energy requirements, hydro-electric power 10 per cent and coal 78 per cent.

In the United States, petroleum supplies about one-third of all the energy consumed. For the year 1948-9, Western Europe imported about \$930 million of petroleum products from dollar sources, of which \$485 million was scheduled to be paid for by ECA funds.

If European refinery capacity is extended, Europe will still be importing over 50 million tons of oil compared with over 30 million tons before the war, but crude oil will account for about half of the imports, against one-third pre-war.

Although Western European countries are switching their purchases from dollar to sterling sources, they cannot be entirely independent of American petroleum products. The problem is to reduce that dependence to the limits which European payment balances with the United States can bear. It is clearly just as detrimental to American oil interests to have a Western Europe which would like to buy their products but cannot, as it would be if European refineries were buying American owned crude oil and competing on overseas markets in refined products.

All quiet on the Tonkin frontier

Hanoi, December 22.

French and Vietnam troops, estimated at 50,000, are patrolling the Northern border of Tonkin province within eyeshot of victorious Chinese Communist armies across the border.

French military officials said there have been no border incidents so far. Lieutenant-General Marcel Alessandri, military commander in Tonkin, said the conduct of the Chinese Communist troops has been completely correct.

He does not expect the Chinese Communists to attempt to pursue the 23,000 Nationalists who fled across the border during the last 10 days. French civilian and military officials admit that the flood of Chinese Nationalist refugees is a critical new problem in a nation already harassed by civil war, but said the important thing is to feed and house the refugees.

The French and Vietnam Governments shipped army rations to the Chinese refugees who were moved on Thursday into permanent internment camps South of Tienyuan. The French will supply lumber for building improvements in the camps.

The French authorities have made no appeal to the Red Cross or the United Nations for help in feeding the refugees, though finding food for them in this war-ravaged country is expected to be difficult.

"It's our problem," one French official said. "We will solve it somehow."

French officers are making every effort to observe scrupulously international conventions in handling the Chinese Nationalists.

They reported that Nationalist troops marched across the border in orderly fashion commencing from December 12. They surrendered their arms in designated places and moved into internment camps. It is believed that the major part of the mass movement across the border is over.—United Press.

Teper back in Britain

Southampton, December 22.

Hirsch Teper, 49-year-old London tailor who was refused admission to the United States left for London in a police car immediately after stepping ashore here today from the liner Queen Mary.

Teper, who carried a canvas grip and a light-brown overcoat and was smoking a cigar when he left the liner, looked worried as he faced a battery of cameras.

Three detectives had gone out by tender to meet the liner with a warrant for his arrest. The warrant was issued under the Debtors' Act at Bow Street Magistrate's Court, London, the day after Teper landed at Ellis Island.

Teper had been arrested about an hour before the Queen Mary docked.

Few of the other passengers of the liner knew of his arrest which was made in his cabin. He is expected to appear in Court in London tomorrow.

The warrant against Teper alleged that he obtained £100 by fraud.—Reuters.

Russians gaoled for spying



Father Alexei Kriakov, Orthodox Russian priest, and Xenia Komad, former Orthodox nun, are seen in court at Gerasjovo, during the trial of 10 White Russians, all Soviet spies on charges of working for the Soviet secret service. The former was sentenced to 11 and a half years hard labour while Komad got the minimum sentence of three years. All the defendants had their property confiscated. All have appealed. (AP Photo).

TELEVISION HOLDING ITS BIGGEST PARTY

Britain's biggest party begins when the new television station at Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, brings television to the Midlands' millions.

For the first time television will be seen by 1,000,000 people—more than 250,000 of them grouped in front of 50,000 new TV receivers which have been installed in homes in the Midlands; the remainder regular viewers in the London area, who are sure not to miss this historic occasion.

Out in the cold stay the unlucky millions in Northern England, Scotland, parts of Wales, and the West Country, who wait impatiently to be placed "on the beam"—and go on waiting.

Important fact about the advent of TV to the Midlands is the wide extent of its impact.

In the London area development has been gradual—the service first began in 1936—and while there has been a rapid increase in the number of viewers in the past months it has not been comparable to what is about to take place in the Midlands, where this new medium suddenly enters 50,000 homes.

Television is a family affair—for the first time. Most regular viewers find that it has made great changes in their lives.

Stay-at-homes

They stay at home more, tend to regulate their leisure by

what's on on television, and they talk about what they have seen. In the London area discussions about TV programmes have become a normal feature of conversation.

This column believes that television will change the pattern of leisure for thousands of Midlands people; that as it spreads across the country it will alter some of the national habits.

The experience of long-established televiewers is indicative—even radio programmes that were

By JOHN HALL

once favourites are deserted or are listened to only when they are repeated during non-TV hours.

In TV homes radio becomes relegated to supplying news bulletins, special broadcasts, and music.

In one room at least even the furniture has to give way to a new pattern so that the TV receiver can be viewed in comfort.

No darkness

A great advantage which Midlands enjoy from the start is that improvements to receivers now enable viewers to "look-in" without switching off the room lights. Ideal for daytime viewing is to draw the curtains across any window which throws a direct light on to the screen of the receiver, but to leave other windows uncurtained.

Ideal for evening viewing is to switch off any light which shines on the screen, but to leave other lights on. A good arrangement in a normal-sized room is to switch off the main light and have a standard lamp placed to one side of the receiver and slightly behind the front of it.

With this arrangement one can have a 100-watt or 150-watt bulb in the standard lamp which will provide sufficient light for any

one to read, write, knit, or sew in comfort.

Trying it out

"Looking-in" in a room that is in complete darkness can tire the eyes because they are then forced to concentrate on a relatively small object. With plenty of light in the room the eyes can rest themselves by brief glances at other objects.

Most Midlands people are already trying out their receivers on the demonstration film that is being televised in the late afternoon as tests by the engineers at Sutton Coldfield.

The BBC warns new viewers that these transmissions are tests only, and are not necessarily a guide to the sort of reception that will be available.

The Midlands will "see" under full operational conditions for the first time when the transmissions begin to warm up for the 8 o'clock opening. The first signal at 7.40 p.m. will be what are called artificial bars.

The bars look like part of a window or a black cross against a white background, and the cross should be deep black against white.

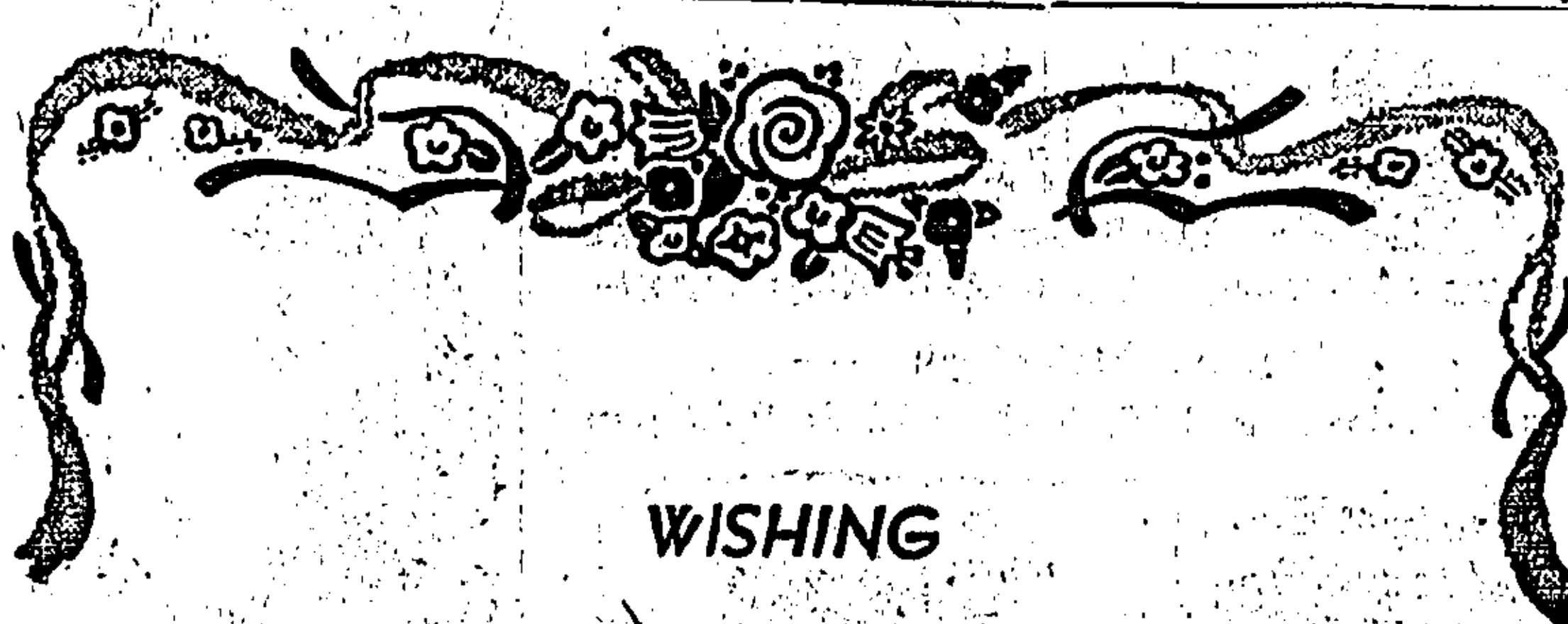
That signal will fade at 7.50 and the screen will remain blank until 7.55, when the main tuning pattern will come through with a musical accompaniment.

Experience has shown that new viewers take a few days to get the feel of the knobs and that, after a careful first reading, instruction books lie unopened until the viewer begins to discern the finer effects of accurate tuning.

Not for London

London viewers ask whether they will be able to get Sutton Coldfield. Since the majority of British TV receivers are built to receive one wavelength, they will not.

TV receivers in the South are tuned to receive on a 45-megacycle wavelength for vision and on 45.1 megacycles for sound. The Midlands transmitter will broadcast on 61.75 megacycles for vision and 68.25 megacycles for sound.



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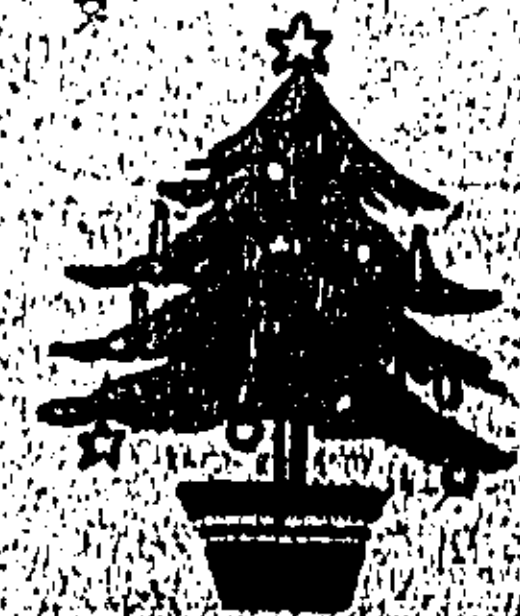
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ETHIOPIA WANTS A UN VOTE

Lake Success, December 22.

Ethiopia wants to become a voting member of the United Nations Trusteeship Council when it debates a trusteeship agreement with Italy for Italian Somaliland.

A demand for full participation in the drawing up of the agreement at the Council's session in Geneva next month has been made in a letter to Mr. Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary-General, by Gabre Miskal, Kefle Egid, Acting Chairman of the Ethiopian delegation.

The letter recalled that Ethiopia had already been granted the right to participate in the Council's discussions without a vote.

"In as much as the agreement of the States directly concerned must, by the terms of Article 19 of the Charter, intervene before the submission of any trusteeship agreement to the General Assembly for its approval, it should then be obvious that under such circumstances, the Trusteeship Council must decide to call upon the States directly concerned to participate not on a consultative basis merely, but with a right of vote," the letter stated.

The Council has also invited representatives of Egypt, Colombia and India to take part in the discussions without vote.

Egypt and Colombia will sit on a number of the Advisory Council's sessions, the General Assembly decided. The appointment of Italy in the administration of Italian Somaliland before it becomes independent in 1949.

India will be asked to comment on the proposed Constitution for the territory.

Ethiopia originally asked for a seat at the Council table as "State directly concerned."

PILOT SAYS NOT HIS FAULT

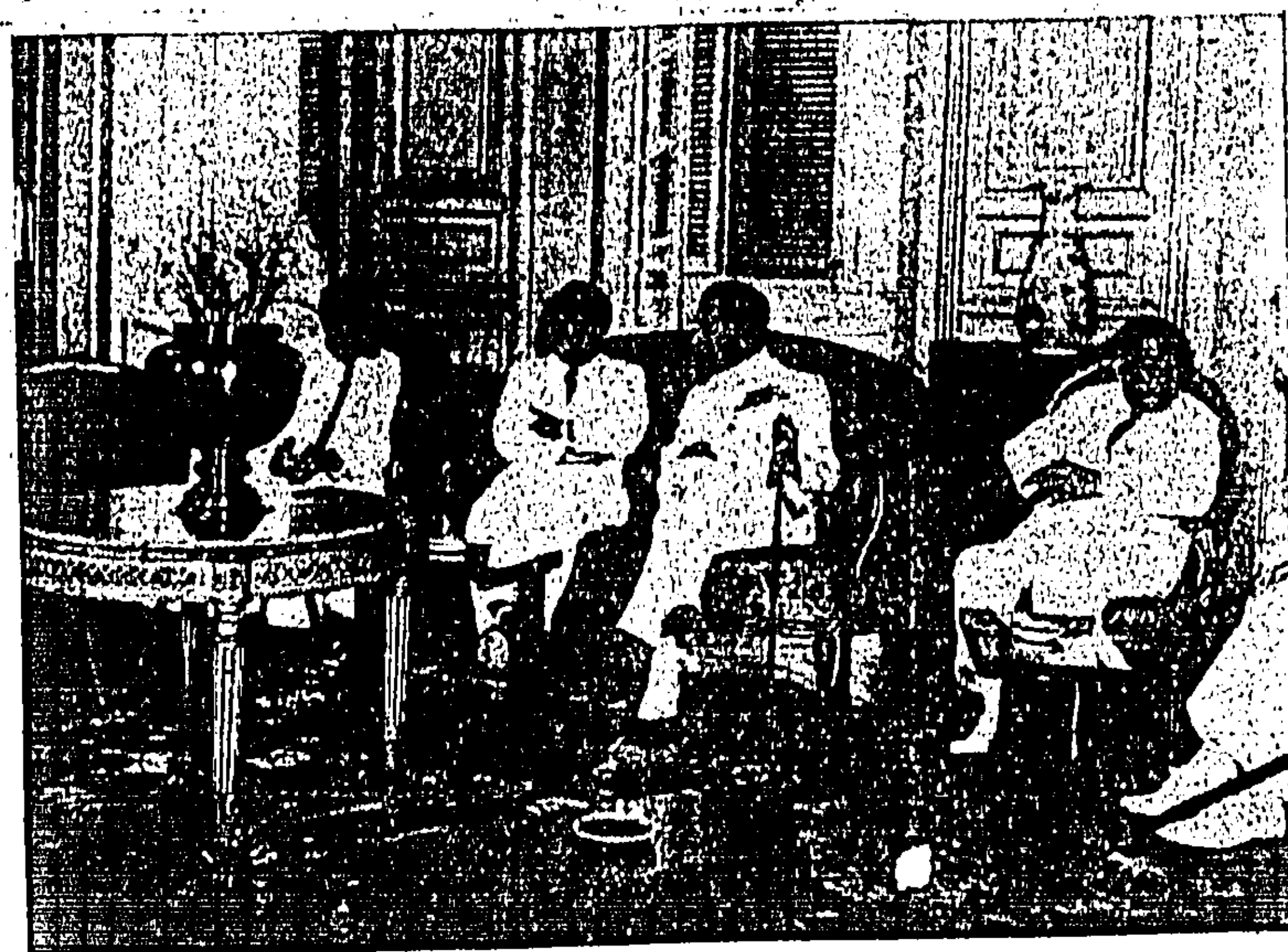
Alexandria, Virginia,

December 22.

Enrique Rios Brindley, sole survivor of history's worst air crash, today disclaimed any responsibility whatsoever for the two-plane collision which killed 55 persons here on November 1.

The Bolivian airman said, at his first press conference that he regretted the accident but did not think it was his fault. He was the pilot of the war surplus P-39 fighter which collided with an Eastern Airlines transport above National Airport. All 55 persons aboard the airliner died.

Rios, wearing a full-length body brace for his broken back, was moved today from Alexandria Hospital to the Bolivian Embassy. He said he would tell his story to the Civil Aeronautics Board "as soon as I feel well enough to do so."—United Press.



On his recent visit to Saigon, Vice-Admiral A.C.G. Madden, Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, British Pacific Fleet, paid a visit to Bao Dai. Bao Dai and Admiral Madden are seen seated in centre.

CHINESE REDS BUILD A MONOPOLY NETWORK

Saoul, December 23.

A network of huge, monopolistic trading companies is spreading across China as the Communist armies complete their conquest of the mainland.

Agents of these organs are even now moving into the smaller villages.

The trading companies represent partial nationalisation of commerce. Among the vital functions they perform for the Communists are:

1. Logistic support of the army, which now numbers about 4,500,000 men.

2. Mobilisation and shipment of food and raw materials to keep alive the people and industries of cities like Shanghai.

3. Price control, by furnishing the Government with reserves of rice, cotton and other key commodities, which can be dumped on the market at strategic moments.

4. Elimination of "middlemen." The trading companies bring finished goods from the cities and sell them directly to the peasants.

There are state-run enterprises at all levels from great regional companies, like the Central China Trading Company, down to those for single towns such as the Wuhu Trading Company. There are monopolies that handle only one export item, such as the North China Wool Textile Company and the Shanghai Cotton Cloth Export Company.

Coal mines

The Peiping-Tientsin Coal and Iron Company markets coal from North China mines with an estimated annual output of about 8,000,000 tons. Included are the mines of the British-owned Kaolin Mining Administration.

The progress toward complete government control is most advanced in Manchuria, where foreign trade is entirely handled by the State-run Northeast Trading Company.

In semi-blockaded Shanghai, Government concerns handled about 40 per cent of the foreign trade in September. During the same month in the busier port of Tientsin, State companies handle 27 per cent of exports and 37 per cent of imports. Of the privately handled business, foreign companies got 21 per cent of the exports and only 5 per cent of the imports.

Yugoslav army one of best in Europe

Belgrade, December 22.

Marshal Tito today said that the Yugoslav army is one of the best in Europe and is not a force of aggression but a defender of Socialism.

Marshal Tito made a brief address to members of his personal bodyguard on the occasion of the eighth anniversary of the founding of the Yugoslav army.

He called on the Army to maintain vigilance because Yugoslavia is "endangered again from various sides."

An official spokesman told the foreign Press today that Yugoslavia would have been guilty of hypocrisy if it had celebrated Stalin's 70th birthday.—United Press.

Now there are at least 13 trading companies operating in Kiangsu.

Manchuria in virtually all respects seems to have come closer to the pattern of the Soviet Union than any other part of China.

Press reports speak of "huge" State-run department stores in the cities. At the latest report 637 Government trading companies were listed for that region alone and were to be found in about 80 per cent of the towns.

Peasants who sell their produce to the trading centres of the Chekiang Native Products Company can buy commodities at Government-stocked co-operatives below the market price, according to an official report printed in Shanghai. This is reportedly done to insure that

the peasants can buy what they need "with the money they receive" and also to eliminate "manipulation and exploitation by speculative merchants."

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ROYAL FAMILY LEAVES LONDON

London, December 22.

The Royal Family left London today to celebrate Christmas and the New Year in the picturesque English countryside.

The King and Queen, Queen Mary, Princess Margaret and Prince Charles, went by train to Sandringham in Norfolk, about 80 miles away.

They will spend Christmas and the New Year there informally.

The 16-month-old Prince Charles, dressed in a knobby pale blue knitted coat over his white rompers, was the darling of the crowd of Londoners that crowded grimy King's Cross station to wave the Royal Family off.

Little Prince Charles, bare-headed and rosy-cheeked stole the show.

He waved cheerfully from the arms of his nurse, Miss Helen Lightbody.

He had apparently completely recovered from his recent attack of tonsillitis.

The King and Queen were held up by the heavy Christmas traffic and arrived with Princess Margaret after Queen Mary had already started the train.

The train left five minutes late. Three pet dogs, two Corgis and a white terrier, went along for the ride.

The Royal Family is expected to remain at Sandringham until late in January, returning for the re-opening of Parliament on January 23.

Xmas broadcast

Princess Elizabeth is spending Christmas with Prince Philip in Malta and is expected to fly back to London on December 27.

She will stay a few days in town before joining the family at Sandringham.

At Sandringham, Royalty becomes a country family. The King gets into a suit of tweeds and plays the role of country squire.

The only time the Family did not spend Christmas there was last year, when the King was suffering from a serious leg ailment.

Christmas Day will be spent very quietly by the Royal Family. After breakfast family presents will be exchanged and later in the day the Royal service will be held. The King will receive presents and a hand shake.

At 3 p.m. the King will slip away to make his annual broadcast to Britain and the Commonwealth.—Associated Press.

WORLD CITIZEN UNDER CANVAS

Paris, December 22.

"World Citizen No. 1," American-born Garry Davis, spent last night under canvas on the Rhine bank near Kehl Bridge, despite non-stop rain.

He resumed his waiting before the bridge entrance, surrounded by followers and gendarmes. One of his followers said that Davis intends to stay there at least until the New Year—unless he is granted a visa to go to Germany in the meantime.—Reuter.

MURDER PLOT FOILED

Havana, December 22.

A plot to assassinate President Dumarsais Estime of Haiti was quashed last Saturday with the arrest of 10 conspirators, including the leader, in Port-Au-Prince, it was reported here today.

Unofficial but reliable reports reaching here said that a search of the home of a well-known figure named Dupre, popularly known as "Bibi," yielded two sub-machine-guns, documents and a secret code for communication with a co-conspirator identified as a former Army colonel, Asprel Roland, who is now exiled in Dominica.

It was Roland, who, through the Dominican Government Radio, incited the people of Haiti to revolt during the recent abortive Haitian workers' strike.

The assassination was planned for December 27 during a reception to be given by the President. Dupre and two Army officers were said to be among those arrested.

The conspirators, according to informants here, planned to kill not only the President but also the Minister of the Interior, the Army Chief of Staff and the Chief of the Palace Guard.

The conspiracy was discovered when the authorities became suspicious that Dupre was in contact with the exiled Roland.—Reuter.

PHONE DRAMA

Scarborough, December 22.

Mrs. E. Williamson listened in on a radio-telephone ship-to-shore conversation to get a personal message from her husband, skipper of a small fishing boat.

What she heard caused her to call out the Scarborough lifeboat. It was a distress call from her husband's vessel.

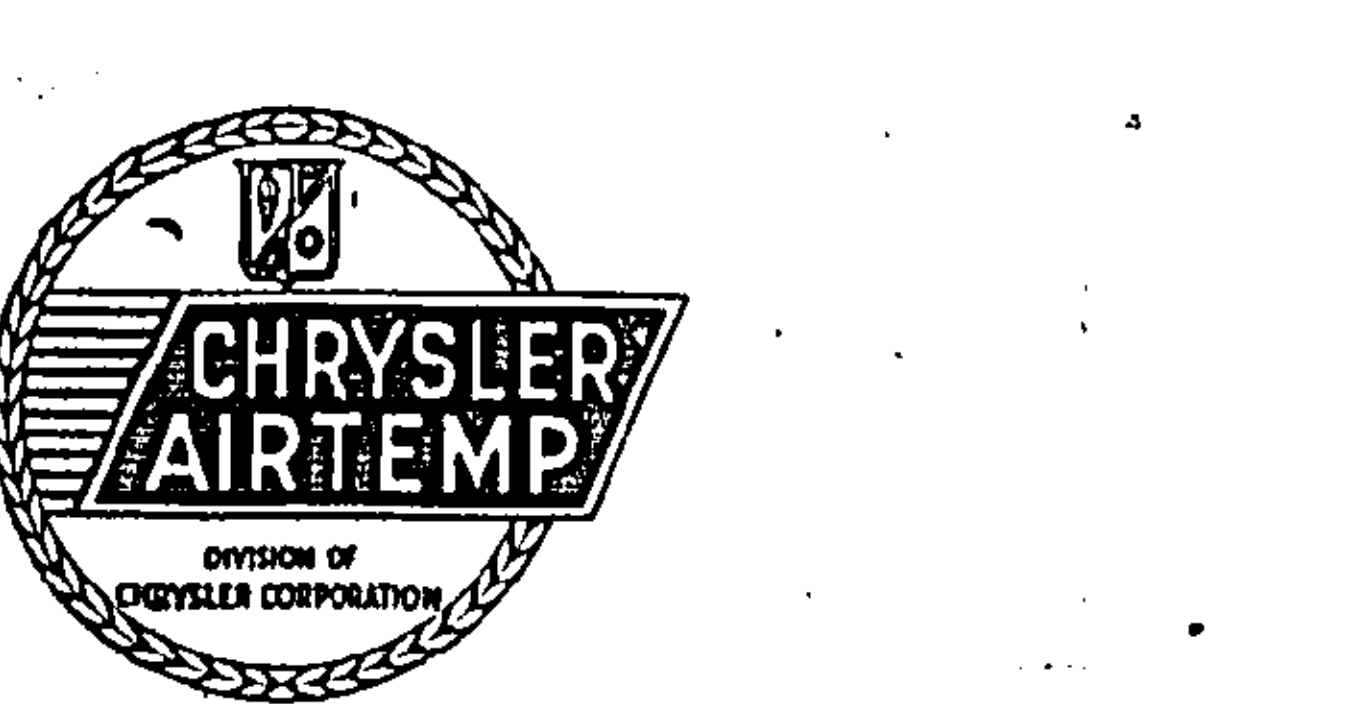
The ship, looking badly, was hauled into port.—Associated Press.



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AN ADVENTURE STORY:

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Monument Kops, Pretoria. The clock has been put back 100 years here and you live in the time of the Voortrekkers who provided South Africa's greatest adventure story. Afrikaans is the official language in these parts, which have hurt a lot of English-speaking South Africans, but things be-

By NQEL MONKS

ing as they are, English would be as out of place on this muddy hill as a Cockney at the Carlton Club.

Alien British

This site, and the massive Voortrekker monument that stands on it, is advertised as an all South African show, but that could possibly be because mostly taxpayers' money has paid for it.

The Voortrekkers trekked from the Cape to get away from the British, and though they were thankful for the help of the very same British later on when they ran into the Zulus, anything British is still regarded as alien on this kopje.

The two top representatives of Britain in the Union—the Governor-General and the High Commissioner—have "other engagements" in Cape Town and London respectively, and "Oubas" Smuts, champion of Britain as well as of South Africa, is being allowed to speak only in Afrikaans when the official celebration will be held.

Inspiring sight

A group of ex-internees (freed by Malan) approached the Monument Committee to have Smuts prevented from speaking at all, but the committee wisely sent them on their way.

The monument is a magnificent piece of work. It has taken nearly 10 years to build and has cost more than £300,000. It portrays in a vivid, virile manner perhaps the most important event in South Africa's history, certainly the most inspiring.

Spiritually and politically it may belong to one section of the nation only, as you gather by walking round this tent city, but physically and historically it belongs to every one of the Union's 2,500,000 whites. Who were the Voortrekkers? asks dapper Mr. Gerard Mberdk, the monument's architect. "They were not only descendants of Hollanders and Huguenots dissatisfied with British rule. They had among them

Thomas Holstail, an Englishman who was murdered by Dingane with Piet Riet.

"There was Thersa Vianola, an Italian woman, and there was old Chief Moroka, who came to the aid of the Voortrekkers in the Orange Free State.

"If you build a monument to last 1,000 years you must be great and give honour where honour is due. So this monument honours not only Afrikaners but men like old Moroka."

Mr. Moordyk has fixed it that at midday every day the sun will shine through an aperture in the domed roof of the monument on to the sarcophagus and will light up the words "Ons vir jou Suid Afrika" ("We shall live. We shall die for you, South Africa"). A worthy passage that the characters who tried to prevent Smuts from speaking could have little interest in.

As treks go—or went—the journeys of the Voortrekkers from Cape Colony across the Orange River and away up into the Transvaal and even into Rhodesia weren't as great as millions or numbers as America's "covered wagon" treks. But in enterprise and endurance, in dangers and hardships, the old Afrikaners whose descendants are ramped today on this hill knew the score.

Makers of history

In the first decade of the Great Trek more than 12,000 cleared out from Cape Colony. It is thought that about 1,000 died in battle with natives, by massacre, or from sickness.

None of the great leaders—Retief, Potgieter, Van Rensburg, and others—lived long enough after their perilous journeys to enjoy their Utopias. Their names on this monument are expected to see the next 1,000 years out.

When the trekkers finally came to rest their wagon trails became the outlines of a new history. Without the Trek there might never have been the Rand gold mines, nor Kimberley's diamonds. Which is another way of saying there might never have been the South Africa of today.

English-speaking South Africans have no quarrel with the Afrikaners about the greatness and courage of the Voortrekkers of the part they played in building this nation, nor of the worthiness of this monument.

Maybe a wiser, less sectional-minded Government would have extended the courtesy of using the country's two official languages for the celebrations that are going on at this kopje.

Two leading ladies



Mrs. Maria Eva Duarte de Peron (left) wife of the Argentine President seen during a recent appearance in La Plata, capital of the Province of Buenos Aires, accompanied by Mrs. Caporale de Mercante, wife of the Governor of the Province. The Argentine newspapers refer to Mrs. de Mercante as "Second Lady." (AP Photo)

Red tactics in Germany

Berlin, December 22. The Communist Socialist Unity Party in the Eastern German Republic is continuing to park the higher levels of the Administration with its own members, the monthly report of the British Control Commission said today.

It added that signs of a mounting attack on Liberal elements in the non-Communist parties were apparent and that "all alleged financial swindles in Saxony-Anhalt are being exploited in this connection on approved Communist lines."

The report said that the change-over from Soviet military administration to Control Commission and from the Ger-

man Economic Commission for the Soviet zone to East-zone government did not appear to have brought any appreciable change in the relationships between the Soviet and German authorities.—Reuter.

POLAND ACCUSED

Paris, December 22. France today charged that Poland had violated its cultural accord by expelling a French teacher and closing French cultural establishments in Poland.

The French note, delivered to the Polish Embassy, was in answer to the Polish protest of December 14 denouncing the expulsion of Polish teachers from France.—United Press.

A REPORT ON THE DEATH OF A HOUSE:

GOING---GONE

They had told the Squire's widow that her Manor House was worth more dead than alive. "Sell it in bits," they said. "You got more for it as iron-boards and window-panes, tiles, and bricks, than as a habitable house."

So the Lady of the Manor of Minstead, New Forest—Mrs. Hen-

By RHONA
CHURCHILL

ry Compton—sat aristocratically erect on a leather-topped camp-stool, surrounded by rough-cast demolition, tiles and New Forest gables, and listened as the auctioneer broke up her house.

Minstead Manor House, scene in its heyday of county hunt balls and shooting parties, "meeting-places of the New Forest Hunt, and country seat of one of Hampshire's wealthiest land-owners, was up for auction prior to demolition.

Next day the carpenters, the stone-masons, the masons would move in with their hammers and chisels, and they were tidying their claims to the bits and bobs of the old Georgian mansion that Compton children had lived in for generations. The Manor itself is mentioned in Domesday Book.

Sad derelict

The old house was sadly derelict. Pioneers, and Royal Engineers had all taken their toll. On the Lady of the Manor's bedroom door you could read "18 Men" (no horses). On her dressing-room door "Ser-geants' Mess."

In quieter days the Squire had employed 35 servants and 12 gardeners. The gardeners devoted six weeks of each year to tree and shrub pruning alone.

This week his Lady sat alone on her camp-stool, with only Frank Hallett, the estate carpenter, to remind her of better days. Hallett had worked for Comptons for longer than anyone can trace back.

Frank no longer docks his eye to the Squire's widow or calls her "Ma'am," but treats her to the same friendly banter he hands out to his other neighbours. Both find humour in the situation.

Joe Payne, the village builder and undertaker, was there, "trying to force the price up," he said, by bidding for things he did not really want. For as long as anyone can remember he, and his forebears have laid Manor House

folk to rest. He was outbid for the front hall tiles, but bought some of the main floor windows and shutters.

A man with no tile and with a stud sticking out of his collar shirt bid £20 10s. for the landing and seven main bedroom floor-boards, and, told "ma," he could make a profit by chopping them up and selling them as kindling wood.

A timid, self-conscious woman, who said she had dived in her London home, came to bid for the Manor House on a morning. She gave in at £45 for the 100 square yards of library floor, then, womanlike and with girlish giggles, bid £35 for a smaller quantity in the drawing-room. "Worth £30," that bid, muttered a dealer, who said he had refused to lift for her "on principle."

Dealers like a closed shop, and generally get it at demolition sales. Imagine buying a wooden floor, then having to carry it away!

Piece by piece

"How are we doing?" "The Squire's Lady kept asking. "Very well," said her agent automatically. Bedroom doors were going for 10s., windows for 15s. Both smiled contentedly when the lead on the roof fetched £25.

They sold all the floors, the mahogany doors, the marble mantelpieces, the window-panes, the tiles, then came to the "main shell or fabric"—the bricks, mortar, and pillars.

"What am I bid?" asked the auctioneer. "It's worth hundreds," called the Squire's agent automatically. "Why, it cost thousands to build."

It went for £112 10s.

"Bargain," said the Lady. "Ba lucky if I make a profit," said the dealer.

Actually, both were well content. The Squire's Lady had netted over £22,000, which had the satisfying effect of justifying her refusal to sell the mansion intact for £2,400.

But she walked away muttering that it did seem a pity she had absent-mindedly sold the "manor cellars in the shell or fabric."

"They'd have been as useful when the atom bombs start dropping," she said. "The tenants could have used them." Then she was silent and turned away as if remembering that the tenants, as such, have also died.

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CHINESE APPEAL ON RECOGNITION ISSUE

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London, December 22.

Nationalist China has asked Great Britain not to prejudice its case before the United Nations by recognising Communist China, a Foreign Office source revealed today.

The Nationalist action is considered in London as their last attempt to prevent or delay British recognition of the Communists.

The Foreign Office source said a formal note containing this appeal had been delivered by an official of the Chinese Embassy in London.

U.S. ASKS BRITAIN TO HELP

Washington, December 22.

The United States today asked Britain for help in forcing two American servicemen from more than 14 months captivity by the Chinese Communists.

A British consular officer at Tientsin reported that the men are still living and are being held somewhere in the vicinity of the North China coast.

The two men were captured at Tientsin in 1948, from a training flight on October 19, 1948.

The State Department announced that at its request, British authorities agreed to do what they could to get further information as to the whereabouts of the men. Navy Chief, Electronic Warfare, C. Smith, and Marine Corps Master Sergeant Elmer C. Bender.

The British report from Tientsin came from Mr. R. H. Eckford, who is listed by the Embassy here as Acting Consul General. The State Department termed him "Proconsul".

The report relieved official uncertainty over the fate of Smith and Bender. Although the State Department had been pressing the Communist regime in Peking for their release on the assumption that they were still living, there had been no information about them for weeks. Associated Press.

BELGIAN QUEEN IN ROME

Rome, December 22. Queen Mother Elizabeth of Belgium arrived in Rome last night by car to attend the ceremonies opening Holy Year on Saturday.

The Royal pilgrim is in seclusion and the Belgian Embassy declines to disclose her whereabouts.

Rome newspapers reported that she is the guest of an Italian Princess. Associated Press.

Trade revival between North and South China

San Francisco, December 23.

The inter-flow of goods between North and South China has revived following the Communist occupation of Fukien, Kwangtung and Kwangsi Provinces, Peking Radio reported tonight.

The Radio said that goods can now be sent directly from Chengchow, junction of the Peking-Hankow and Lung-hai Railways, to Peking, Tientsin, Shanhaikwan, Pao-tow and Tsingtao.

It further stated that four big private textile mills in Hankow and Wuchang are daily producing 230 bales of cotton yarn—a 75 per cent increase over the production rate of five months ago. Reuter.

FRENCH CRISIS

Paris, December 22.

The Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault, tonight asked Parliament to agree to discuss the Government's amended 1950 Budget Bill as it stands.

He said that his Cabinet would regard the Assembly's decision as to whether or not it would agree to discuss the Bill at once as a vote of confidence.

He said that a positive vote would indicate that the majority is agreed on the basic measures of the Bill. He said that modifications would be admissible in the largest possible spirit of conciliation so long as the balancing of the Budget is not compromised.

The Assembly adjourned until 8.00 p.m. GMT tomorrow. The vote will not be asked before 11.00 p.m. GMT under a constitutional ruling that at least 24 hours must elapse between the asking of a vote of confidence and its hearing.

M. Bidault said that disagreement about the Budget existed between his Government and the Assembly's Finance Committee, but he added that the Budget must be voted quickly. The country's feeling of uneasiness must be done away with.

"These are not easy times. The Assembly must take note of that and show proof of spirit. If the opposition of whatever side of the Chamber it sits wishes and is able to overthrow the Government let it do so. It is really believed that such an action is useful."

"The Government asks the Assembly to consider the Budget Bill in which the Government had already consented to certain economies and on this request we pose officially the question of confidence."

"Without remorse, without anxiety, I ask the Assembly to give the country a truly balanced Budget."—Reuter.

Washington to concentrate on the Far East

Washington, December 22.

Officials here agree that during 1950 Asian affairs are due to receive more high level attention by United States Government officials and Congressmen than in many years.

The hope is expressed in all quarters, official and unofficial, that before another 12 months have passed there will be considerable clarification of the situation in that troubled area.

Responsible authorities are reluctant to make predictions or advance speculation as to what may occur in what Senator Arthur Vandenberg has described as an extreme "state of flux."

However, there is sincere feeling among officials and diplomats here that 1950 will witness the evolution of more positive American steps in what it regards as democracy's vital interests in the Far East.

In broad outline there has not been too much disagreement as to the objectives the United States should seek in the Far East. They include security for individual nations with opportunity to approach democratic procedures peacefully, raising the standards of living in under-developed areas and fostering of unrestricted trade.

Underlying all American policy in that area, of course, is a concern for the security of the United States against attack from the Soviet Union or any other quarter.

Meanwhile, the assignment of the former American Minister, to Nanking, Robert Strong, to Taipei, was hailed by Nationalist officials there as evidence of United States recognition of Taiwan being a part of China as much as Nanking, Canton, Chungking and Chengtu.

Chinese optimism over Mr. Strong's assignment stems from two main interpretations:

High hopes

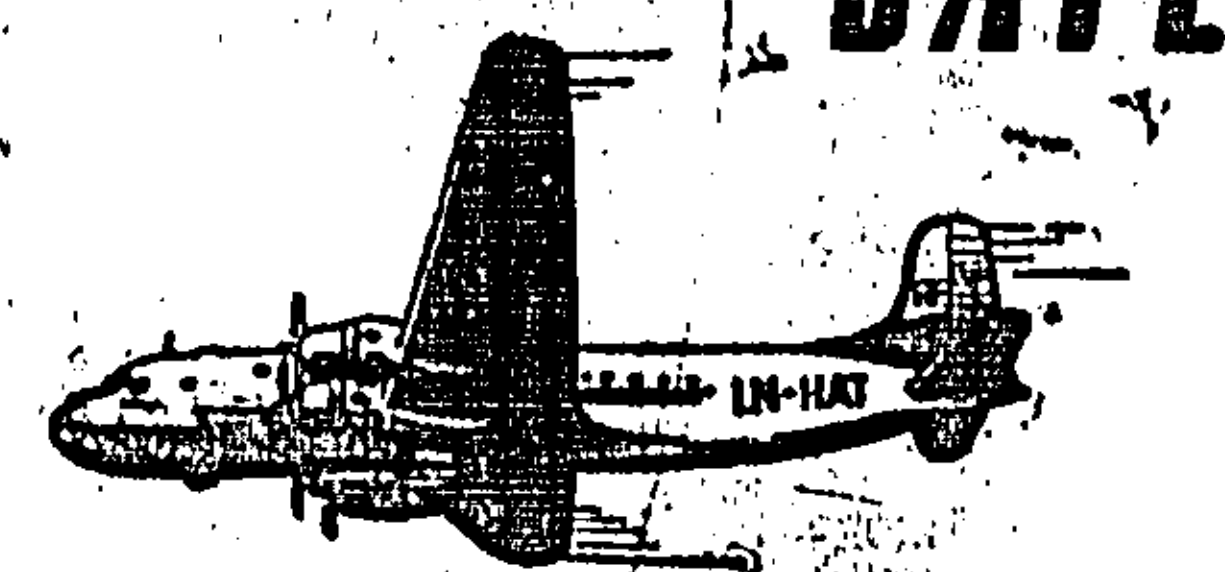
Firstly, in effect, if not actually, it means the establishment of a U.S. embassy. Mr. Strong being the highest U.S. diplomatic official in China. He is officially accredited to the National Government with ministerial rank. He can deal with the Nationalist Government on foreign office level and is entitled to the amenities of full protocol.

Secondly, coming to Taipei as the legal capital of China, he is bringing with him United States recognition of Taiwan being a part of China as much as Nanking, Canton, Chungking, and Chengtu.

However, Americans in Taipei so far know of no plans to establish an Embassy as such.

An official summed up the general Chinese viewpoint as follows: "Mr. Strong's coming to Taipei at least given us the impression that the State Department feels there is still a Chinese Government with which it expects to have dealings. From what the State Department has said publicly, we don't know yet what

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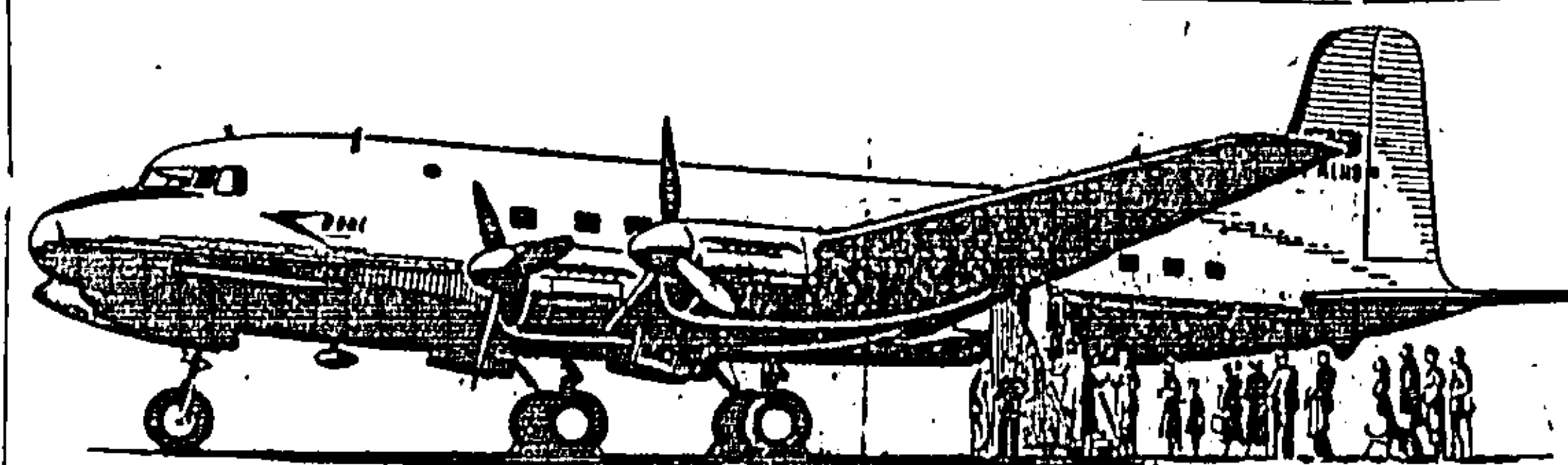
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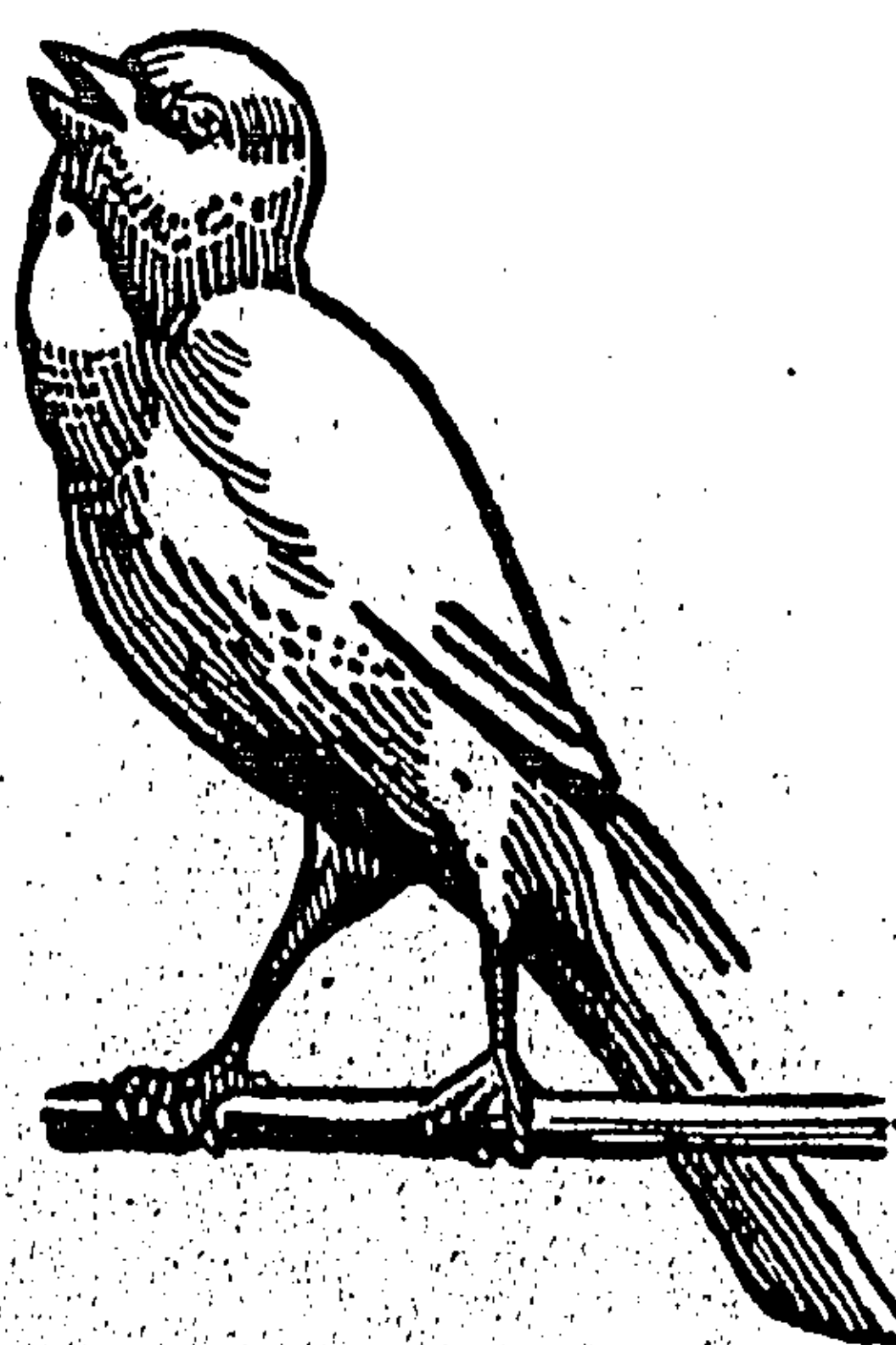
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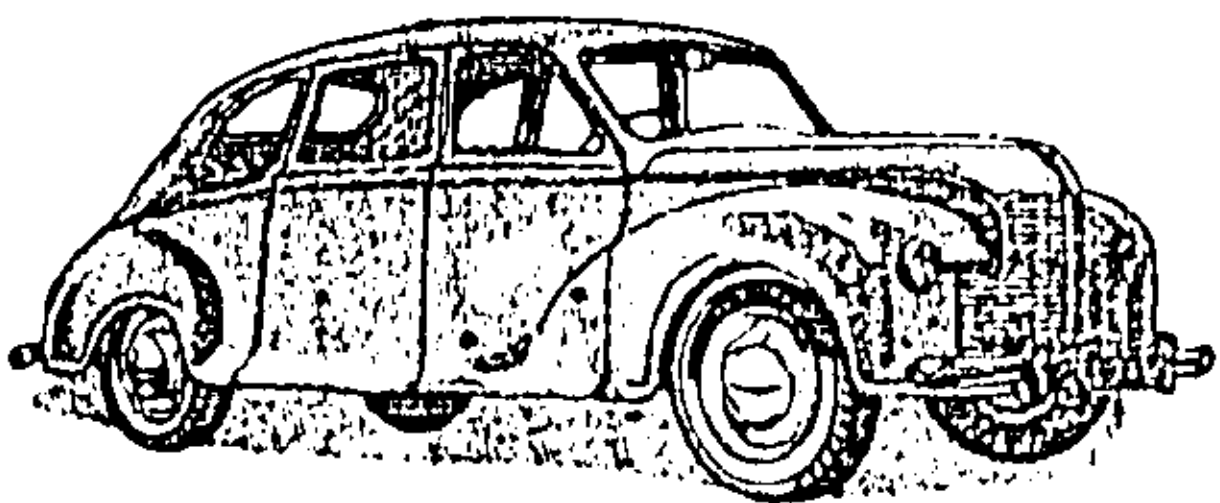
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HE PLANS A PEOPLE'S MOTORCAR

By Shawn O'Leary

There is desperate need in Australia for a sturdy family car within reach of the people's pockets. In that country, where public utility transport is inadequate and where motorists, unlike those overseas, may drive for 365 days a year, ownership of such a vehicle is virtually a necessity.

But, emphatically, the car must be a real people's car. Statistics on income reveal that the majority of adult Australians earn a personal expenditure income of £500 annually or less. Obviously for most of these a car is out of the question while the price range is so high.

Even those families who today can scrape up enough to buy a car by means of a tarpaulin must find that the cost of its operation almost necessitates the family budget.

Australian working people need a car, the price of which will not completely ruin the family for time and which can be operated on a minimum— to cover costs of running, depreciation, insurance, etc. of £1 a week. Because of rationing, it must be light in petrol consumption while still maintaining a high standard of service.

In the United States the average worker owns a car which takes him the value of 620 hours' labour to buy. It takes 3,320 hours of the average Australian wage-earner's working time to become the owner of even a relatively small car at present-day prices.

The people's car Mr. E. J. Hartnett, leading Australian industrialist, plans to produce seems the answer, if claims for it are borne out. A forecast is that it will be strong, capacious, light, cheap to run, and that the cost of its purchase will halve the figures of the paragraph above. It is estimated that it would take not more than 1,700 hours' work to buy it.

Naturally full details of the vehicle are still a close secret but it is possible to reveal that it is a small four-wheeler closed model, the low weight of which gives extraordinary power-to-weight ratio. It has a front-wheel drive and all wheels are of independent suspension.

The manner of its springing, it is claimed, assures a comfortable

This Taxi comes scooting



This taxi scooter, with room for a driver and two passengers, was on view at the 27th International Cycle Show in Milan, Italy. It is called the "Innocent."—AP Photo.

ride on the worst of surfaces, a point which Australian motorists will respect. Its petrol consumption has been proven at nearly 60 miles per gallon and its top speed is 60 miles an hour—which, you will admit, is more than what any good driver should ever require. The car can be garaged alongside the smallest house.

During a trip around the world in 1947-48 Hartnett made an intensive search for a design or designer to answer the specifications of what Australians and Australian conditions needed. The hunt took him through Italy, France, Germany, England and America before he settled on a design by Jean Albert Gregoire, an internationally-known automobile design engineer. The prototype car Gregoire produced, which is now in Australia, has been thoroughly subjected to rigorous tests.

The history of car manufacture shows that, in the case of almost every famous make, a single man has been responsible for the success of the undertaking.

William Morris (now Lord Nuffield) began with a small bicycle shop near Oxford. Later he branched into the car business, imported his engines from America and purchased his components for the first four or five years of his new venture. The cars he makes have now been driven in practically every country of the world.

Sir Herbert Austin was the driving force who created the Austin Motor Company. Walter P. Chrysler, an engineer from the Buick Motor Company, created Chrysler cars and the company's organization.

The most outstanding of them all, of course, was Henry Ford, who met iron opposition in founding the business which had such a strong effect on the development of industrial America. When Henry Ford started with his first "A" car, practically every expert, automobile engineer and financier scoffed at the specification. The derision continued to the extent that humorous stories about Ford's final contribution to making the car the most popular in the world.

A necessity

A cheap car for the people is not a laughing matter. It is a serious necessity. And it may yet be that Hartnett's car, the OBE, M.E., with his 30 years' world-wide experience in motor manufacture, will become the opposite number of the Henry Ford or Sir Herbert Austin whom Australia country needs.

What kind of man is this Hartnett who claims he can produce a car to fit Australia's economy? Although his name is a by-word in Australian industry, his life story has, naturally, not permeated as public property. But it is not hard to readily find the give you a thumbnail sketch of him.

He is a portly, immaculate Englishman who, turned 51, a couple of months ago. His concentration is keen, his mind has a facility for leaping straight to the essential points of a matter, and he has the air of confidence of a man who knows he can achieve with the success he has evidenced all his life.

Although he confesses his birthplace as Working, in Surrey, he has been in Australia for 15 years and now describes himself as a fanatical Australian. The shaping of Hartnett's early training was originally towards medicine. His father was a prominent Harley Street lung specialist who died when his son was a year old, leaving the boy's future in the hands of his mother and uncle.

Between them they decided his career for him and sent him to

Ennon College, where emphasis is laid on the preparation of pupils for medicine.

Young Laurence, though, had a word to say for himself. His bent lay in the direction of engineering and that was the path he intended to take. Being E. J. Hartnett, he won his way and took it.

In 1914 he became a student-apprentice in the Vickers armament factory. He started work at six o'clock in the morning, worked until nine o'clock at night. There was no time off for such foolish things as week-ends or public holidays.

He stuck those conditions for three years, but at the end of that time there wasn't much he didn't know about armaments, from rifles, through machine-guns, to those new-fangled things called aeroplanes in which men flew and from which they killed.

By 1917 Hartnett held an international Pilot's licence and, as men were still shooting, flying and killing at the time of his becoming a flyer on his emergence from Vickers.

He was with the Royal Naval Air Service first, then with the Royal Flying Corps, and finally with the Royal Air Force. He saw active service with a squadron of night bombers.

He wasn't exactly a wealthy young man on his discharge. A count of his capital showed that he was still the owner of £1,000. He increased the sum to £1,500 and with it opened the Wallington Motor Company in Croydon.

Business boomed

Business boomed from the beginning. Hartnett took nine other R.A.F. lads to work with him and in no time subsidiary branches were sprouting all over the place. By the time he was 23 Hartnett was worth £15,000. By the time he was 24 he was worth £100,000. In those 12 months the car market had expanded and carried his fortune away with it.

With the shutters up on the Wallington Motor Company, Hartnett went to Malaya, once more to sell cars. Only this time he went on the employ of a well-established East India firm which wanted the Malayan end of its business organized.

His typical thoroughness compelled him to learn the language before his arrival. He became the companion of potentates, he sold cars right and he sold them left—and, with one grim lesson behind him, he learned to know his markets.

Hartnett's later life was to lead him from success to success. From Malaya he returned to England, then crossed to New York. While there he was asked to go to Sweden to open a new assembly plant for General Motors.

That was something he could really get his teeth into. With a man named Mougey he raised local labour and the General Motors Nordiska, in the first year, during which they had budgeted for a sale of 9,000 units, they sold 15,000 units in Finland and Sweden.

Hartnett had joined General Motors in 1923. In 1931 he became a director of Vauxhall Motors Limited and saw the small Vauxhall car and Bedford truck introduced. In 1933 he visited Russia, at the invitation of its Government and with the endorsement of the British Government, to report on the car industry then being established in the USSR. Of course, he sold the Russians Bedford trucks.

Success repeated

Hartnett came to Australia in 1934 and took over General Motors business. He repeated the astonishing success of his vor-

ture in Sweden. Between 1934 and 1939 General Motors sold 40 per cent of all the vehicles bought in Australia. Vauxhalls and Bedfords alone accounted for more than 30 per cent of the annual sales of English vehicles.

He became a foundation director of the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation and it was he who opened Fishermen's Bend to industry.

During the war Hartnett was Director of Ordnance Production. He saw to it that guns and Bren carriers, searchlights, torpedoes and optical instruments were produced and, in fact, handled 1,600 projects which cost £100,000,000 in production.

He retired from General Motors in 1947 and now, from his offices in Collins Street, Melbourne, plans production of the people's car as the next item on the astonishing agenda of his life.

Away from business, he lives in a beautiful white, two-storey house, complete with swimming pool and tennis court, at Toorak. He also has a country place at Frankston. He is married and has three grown-up daughters.

And that's a quick run-through of Hartnett's career. It doesn't end there, or course. In fact, the new venture on which he is working may be its crowning culmination.

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Christmas in Australia this year promises to be one of the brightest in the country's history. There is an abundance of almost everything, and with prices for the week-end rocketing because of devaluation, and no unemployment, the country seems set for an unprecedented spending spree.

Stores, decorated with huge, multi-colored lights, telling tales of the birth of Jesus, are crisscrossed with a wide range of British and American goods than ever before. Buying in full swing and retailers confidently expect record turnovers.

Preparation of the traditional English Christmas dinner will have few headaches for the Australian because, as a result of good seasons in all States, there will be more than enough meat, except poultry and fish, for all.

In spite of heavy exports to places as far apart as the United Kingdom and Macao, the food stores are literally brimming with poultry, but, however, will be the highest price.

An average-sized turkey will cost about two guineas (Australian currency), a duckling a guinea and a chicken not less than 10s. Vegetables and fruit such as oranges, apples, bananas, peaches, melons and apricots, will be plentiful as usual, and within reach of everyone's purse.

Good Australian wine, which has a place on most Christmas dinner tables, these days can be had in almost unlimited quantities at from 3/6d to 6/6d a bottle. No family need go short of sweet, dried fruits, nuts or liquor.

Today's prices are a child's play. At £15 4s 6d, this year's outstanding novelty is a Dutch-made small which crawls along with a tail on its back. Another attraction is a dog which runs, jumps and crouches. There are also kangaroos, complete with their own little hop, mechanical loach, sea monsters and divers who really dive.

As Christmas in Australia occurs in mid-summer, it is the signal for a big exodus from the cities. Accommodation at beach and hill resorts has been booked out for months. Tens of thousands are going canoeing, camping or canoeing.

Australians, fully aware of their good fortune, have not forgotten their kinfolk in Britain. Nearly 700,000 Christmas food parcels from Australia have reached Britain, on their way under the person-to-person scheme. And thousands of other parcels containing plum puddings, dried fruits, honey, macaroni, cheese, meat and dripping have been despatched in the past two months.

In Portugal

There is less enthusiasm in Portugal for Christmas celebrations this year than in the previous years owing to a financial crisis which is reflected in less people than usual buying the traditional goods for Christmas.

Nevertheless, when the time comes, everyone will probably find some means of celebrating the feast, even if it does not come up to usual standards.

There are no major food problems here although there is a shortage of eggs, butter and sugar, but almost completely vanished from the market owing to a sudden all-out attack by black market dealers and profiteers.

Other traditional Christmas fare is easily obtainable, provided one has the money to pay for it. Turkeys and poultry are plentiful and are being sold at reasonable prices. The average price for a turkey this year is 120 escudos (about 30/- sterling) compared with 200 escudos (about £7 10/-) last year.

Wines of many types are abundant too, and sold at reasonable prices. A bottle of port wine, for instance, can be bought for 25 escudos (about 3/-) and the same applies to a bottle of Portuguese champagne.

For those who cannot afford a turkey or poultry, there will be the ever-popular dish of baked cod fish with potatoes, accompanied with red wine, which constitutes the traditional Christmas Eve supper of the masses.

For children there are plenty of toys, both in shops and in the Toyfairs set up each year in one of Lisbon's main squares. The Toyfairs, which are held in the main squares of the city, are a sight to behold, with their stalls of toys, games, and other children's goods.

As in the previous years, many children will be disappointed that the Father Christmas will not be calling on every home in Portugal this Christmas.

In Jerusalem

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Immediately opposite the "Y" is the King David Hotel where members of the United Nations staff live. Most of the children's party festivities are expected to be concentrated between these two buildings.

Many Christians in Israel are hoping that Dr. Dov Joseph, Israeli Minister of Food and Agriculture, may be inspired with the spirit of Santa Claus for one night and provide a "surprise" present in the shape of extra rations, although Dr. Joseph is not prepared to admit that he is even contemplating such a step.

The two main "Western Churches"—the Roman Catholic and the Anglican—are making arrangements for their communities based on those of last year when there was still war with Egypt and an uneasy truce reigned with Jordan.

The authorities of the Anglican Cathedral of St. George, situated on the Arab side of the line between Israel and Jordan, are endeavouring to make arrangements to hold their traditional carol service at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, but a support difficulties may be the deciding factor. The Anglican Church of Scotland will hold their normal Sunday services on Christmas Day.

The life of Roman Catholics in the Latin Church as it is known here centres about the Terra Santa College in the new (Israeli) section of the city, where the usual Midnight Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Eve. But the traditional pilgrimage to Bethlehem will be impossible for the majority of the community this year.

Tentative arrangements are being made for a convoy to be formed of consular cars, and United Nations officials to cross from Israel into Jordan to visit Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. But negotiations are still going on between the military authorities of Israel and Jordan. It is proposed that the convoy, if approved, shall include young boys, girls and other visiting Christians, although all will have to travel on individual passports. Resident Christians are unlikely to be permitted in the convoy for security reasons.

In Italy

Overshadowing all other Christmas preparations in Italy are the ceremonies in Rome which will usher in the 25th Holy Year in 1950.

On Christmas Eve, Pope Plus XII, wearing a white cope over his golden cope, will strike three times with an ivory-handled silver hammer on the bronze cross which seals the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica.

Massed choirs will then sing a "Te Deum" of thanksgiving and the Holy Year will have begun.

In the meantime, Italians, who traditionally like to feast at well-lit tables over Christmas, are gloomily watching the continued rise in prices of foodstuffs.

Expectancy of thousands of pilgrims in Rome for Christmas has made this increase in prices particularly acute. One Roman summed up the position by saying: "The only thing which will bring us food for the soul. But for food there will not be much feasting for the body."

However, toys here are not too expensive and cost far less than similar ones in London. Toy dolls dressed in pink silks which say "Mama" when shaken are available at about 12/- sterling, and toy trains can be had for less than 7/-.

Locally made nylon stockings cost about £1 sterling and glamorous perfumes range from one shilling for a tiny bottle to 22 sterling for the larger sizes.

But despite the relatively low prices of toys and luxuries, toy shops report no "Christmas rush."

For many who live in caves and overgrown ruins under the shadow of the Colosseum, the only hope of anything extra at all is the mother of their children who lives with her husband and an old grandmother in one of these dark humid caves, told Reuters: "It's enough trouble getting food for the family every day without thinking or hoping for anything better at Christmas."

But most Italian families of the upper and middle classes will have their small feast with their children, and will be able to afford a few luxuries. There will be much to be said for the average merry-maker.

A feature of this year's religious celebrations will be the traditional "Benediction of the Kings" in the Vatican Museums where St. Francis of Assisi saw the Child Jesus in a manger and the Kings of the East brought him gifts.

On Christmas Eve, millions will descend on the national Christmas

dish of capon—roast fish—which is followed by traditional games of tombola—with dried beans as markers—accompanied by much cracking and cutting of nuts and sweet macaroni covered with grated nuts and chocolate.

In America

One hundred and fifty million Americans, from the Canadian border to Mexico, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, had a bewildering choice of Christmas gifts and a dazzling variety of gifts. They will be celebrating Christmas in a wide range of climates, over some 3,000,000 square miles in which the weather may be anything from a "White Christmas" with snow feet deep to sun-drenched, sub-tropical warmth.

For weeks, the daily newspapers and national magazines have been pouring out propaganda about Christmas buying. American mass production has created a perfect picture of Christmas and shops are filled with Christmas gifts, and storage places are filled with last-minute gifts. Christmas food at a price.

It is a curious Christmas in that the buyer has the choice. Shoppers have money to spend but not too much. They have to choose about and choose to which they had come from the "high" of 1948. Wages have not increased materially, but released from control have soared almost throughout the nation.

The average family after meeting costs of living has a great surplus to squander. They are digging into savings, many of them well filled. Gifts, ranging from the latest from books to make from transistor sets to motor cars.

Thanksgiving Day (November 24), an even greater feast day, has been celebrated. Americans have had a turkey, duck, and chickens on greening tables. But other nations will still come under the Christmas tree, while some people will still be the luxury of rare foods. (UPI) 24. 10. 49.

It cannot be called a "boom" Christmas, like those of 1946 and 1947, when a "little gift" was a 2,000 dollar gift. It is not a "bust" Christmas as so many were in the '30s. It is just one of those dear, old-fashioned, competitive Christmas, destined to leave most folk full of food and happy with gifts—and empty in pocket.

In Japan

An bleak seasonal week comes to Japan. The Occupation Forces have been preparing for what many believe will be their last Christmas in the country.

Santa Claus, with descent from the skies by helicopter to the Imperial Palace in front of Emperor Hirohito's Palace, in the heart of Tokyo.

Delighted American, Australian and Japanese children will be enthralled to watch his descent and the wonder parade of decorated floats which is to follow.

Two years ago, Santa Claus made his descent by Piper Cub reconnaissance plane. But the United States Army had since re-equipped him with a more modern helicopter.

This Christmas will be the happiest since the war for the Japanese.

Households will be heated with unrationed coal for the first time since the occupation, while Allied troops will visit Japanese orphanages, distributing sweets and clothing.

Along the famous Ginza shopping boulevard some enterprising Japanese have decorated their windows with figures of Santa Claus, those and suitable gifts.

Turkeys, honey, sweets, puddings and other Christmas fare are arriving from the United States in large quantities, and supplies of liquor are expected to be plentifully unlimited.

Australian troops of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Korea, in Southern Honshu, will entertain the children of their Japanese servants at parties in the Officers' and Sergeants' messes.

In addition to arranging for church services, are provided for gifts from Australia to Japanese orphanages.

American troops are expected to go round picking up all the neglected Japanese children they can find on Kure streets to take them back to camp in trucks on a monthly meal—Ruler.

Washington, December 23.

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Mr. Voorhees refused to discuss the prospects of a peace treaty with Japan, saying it is a matter for the State Department. Associated Press.

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Waving his crutches and hopping along on one leg, a disabled French ex-Serviceman parades, with his comrades in Paris in a demonstration urging higher pensions. (AP Photo).

"Whose baby" case ends in Sydney

Sydney, December 22.

Noella Jenkins, pretty Australian girl who today is exactly four years and six months old, has been the centre piece of a series of court actions for 13 months.

Noella was born in a hospital near Melbourne about the same time as another baby was born in the same hospital.

The High Court dismissed the appeal by a three to two majority. In other words, Noella will continue to live with the Jenkins family.

The Chief Justice, Sir John Latham, who was in favour of the appeal, said it was clear a mistake was made in hospital and Mrs. Morrison was given the wrong baby.

Judge Owen Dixon said the welfare of the child is paramount and, unless proof excluded all real doubt and risk of error, Noella should remain with those who had brought her up. The Morrisons, if they wish, may now appeal to the Privy Council in London.—Associated Press.

Mrs. Morrison later claimed that she had been given the wrong baby and that her baby was Noella.

Mrs. and Mr. Jenkins said no, they had the right baby. Mrs. Morrison went to court about it.

Judge John V. Barry, in the Victorian District Court, ruled that Noella should be surrendered to the Morrisons. Mrs. Jenkins appealed to the Victorian Full Court, which reversed Judge Barry's decision. (Noella did not move to the Morrisons pending the hearing of an appeal.)

Mrs. Morrison then appeared to the High Court, the highest authority in Australia.

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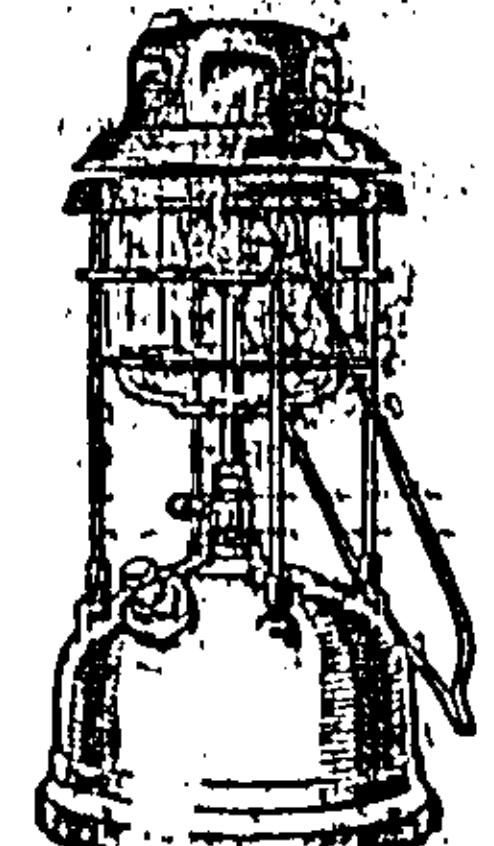
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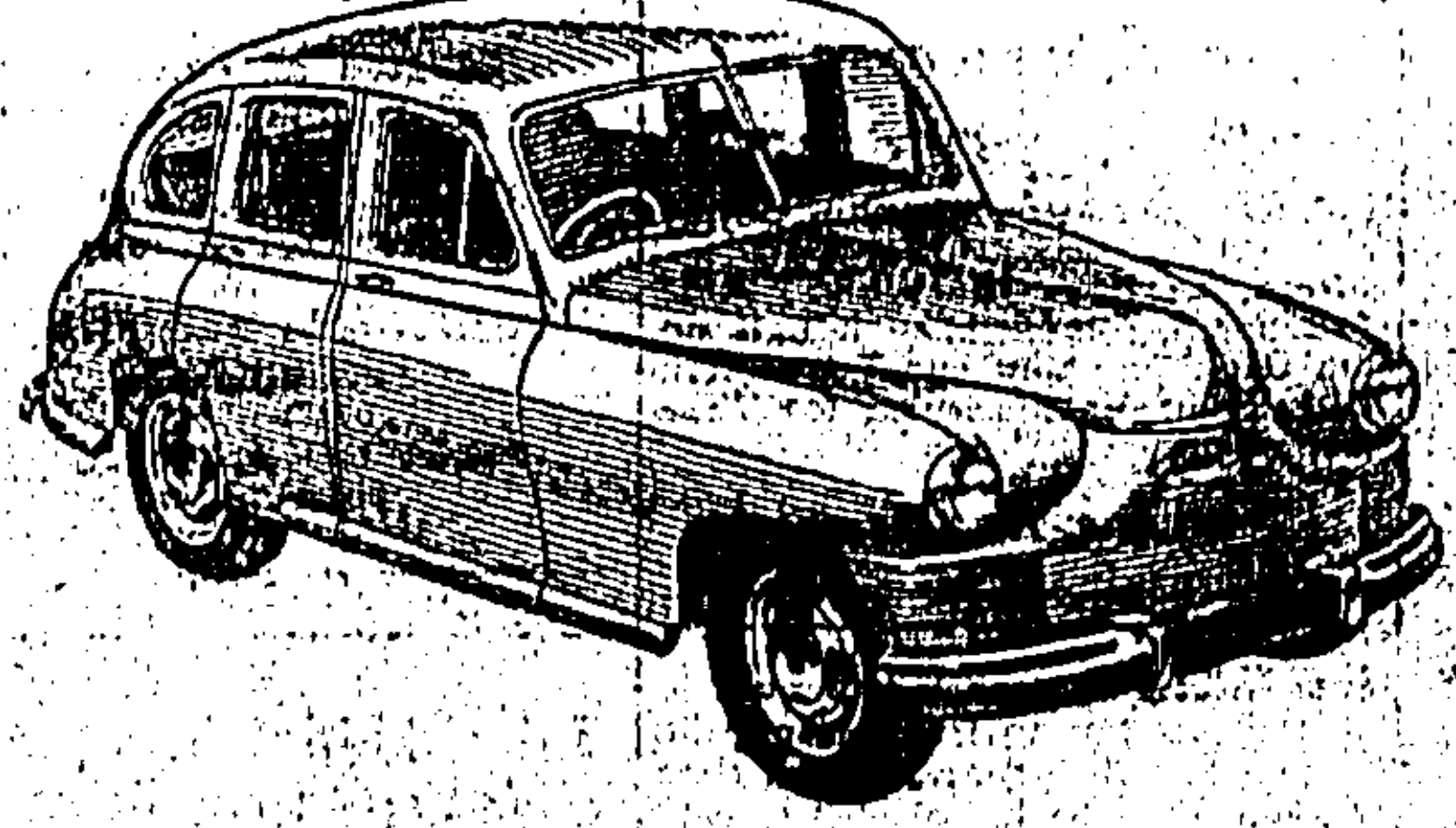
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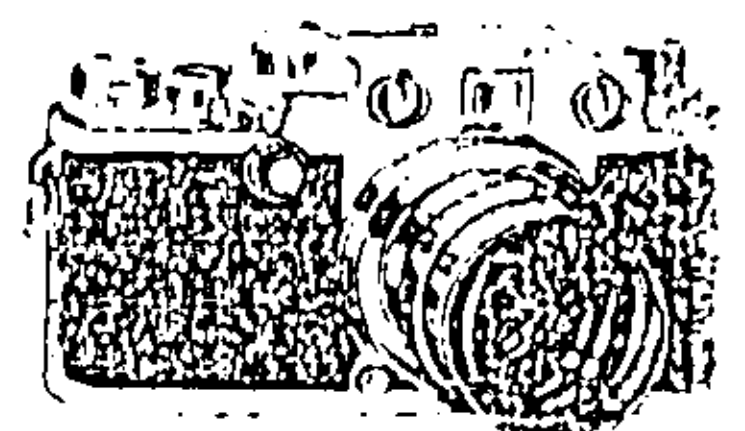
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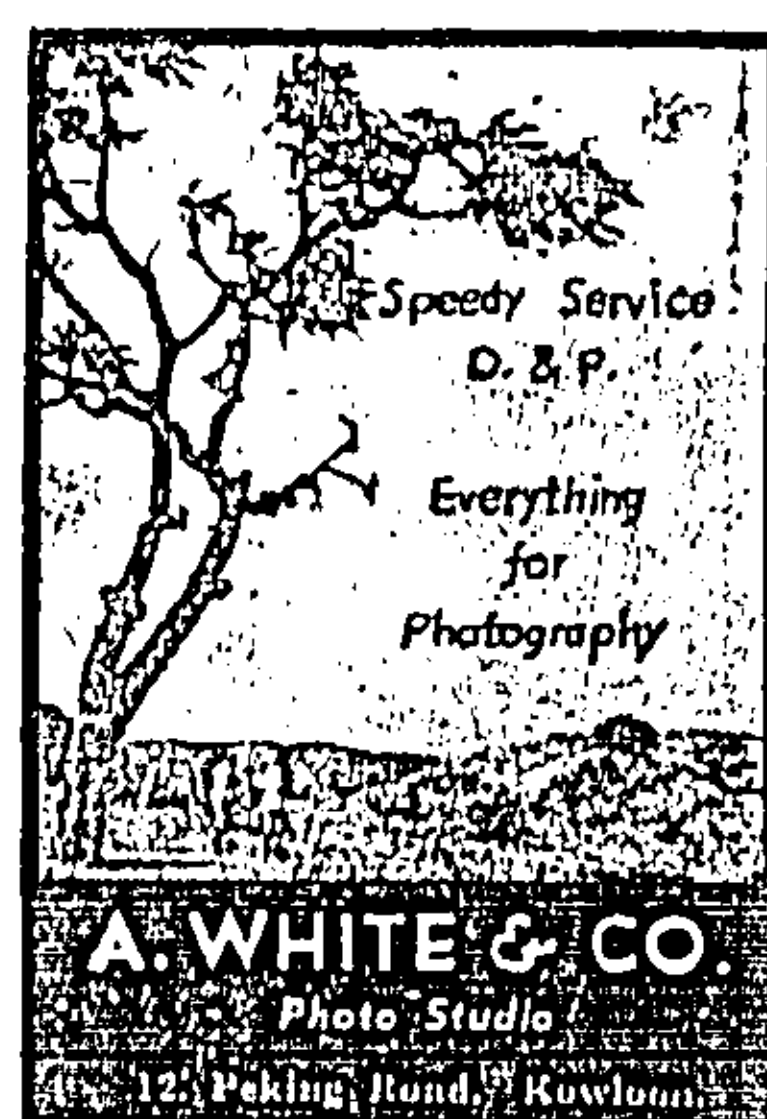
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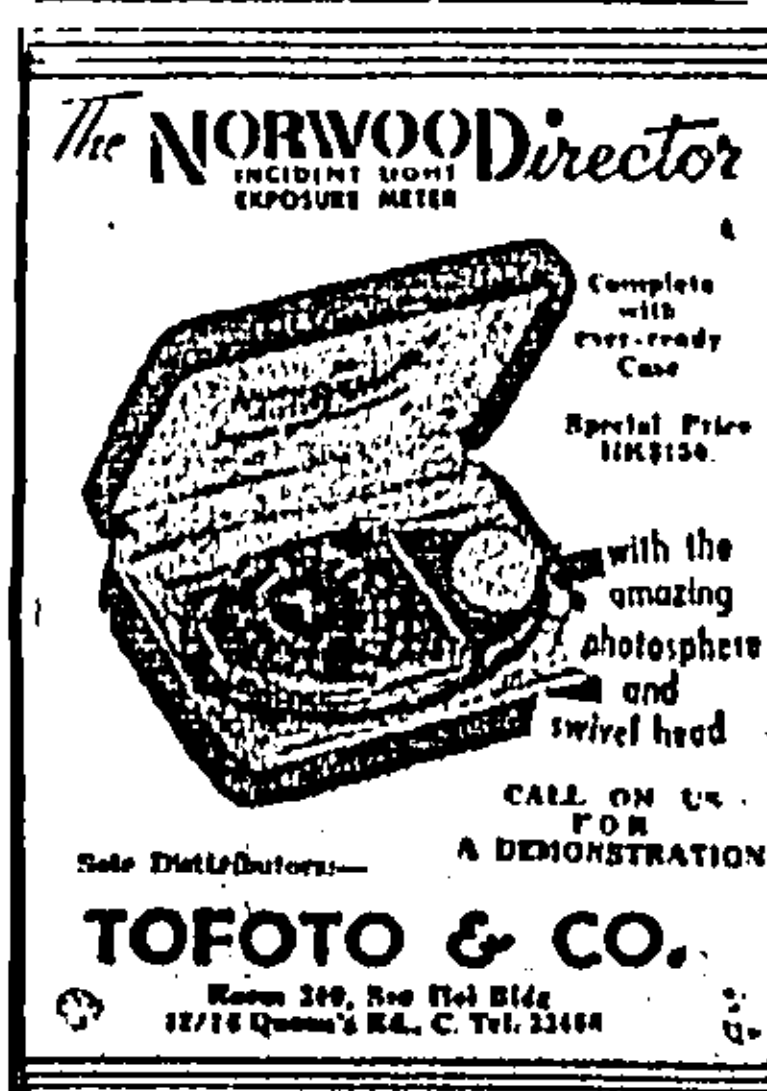
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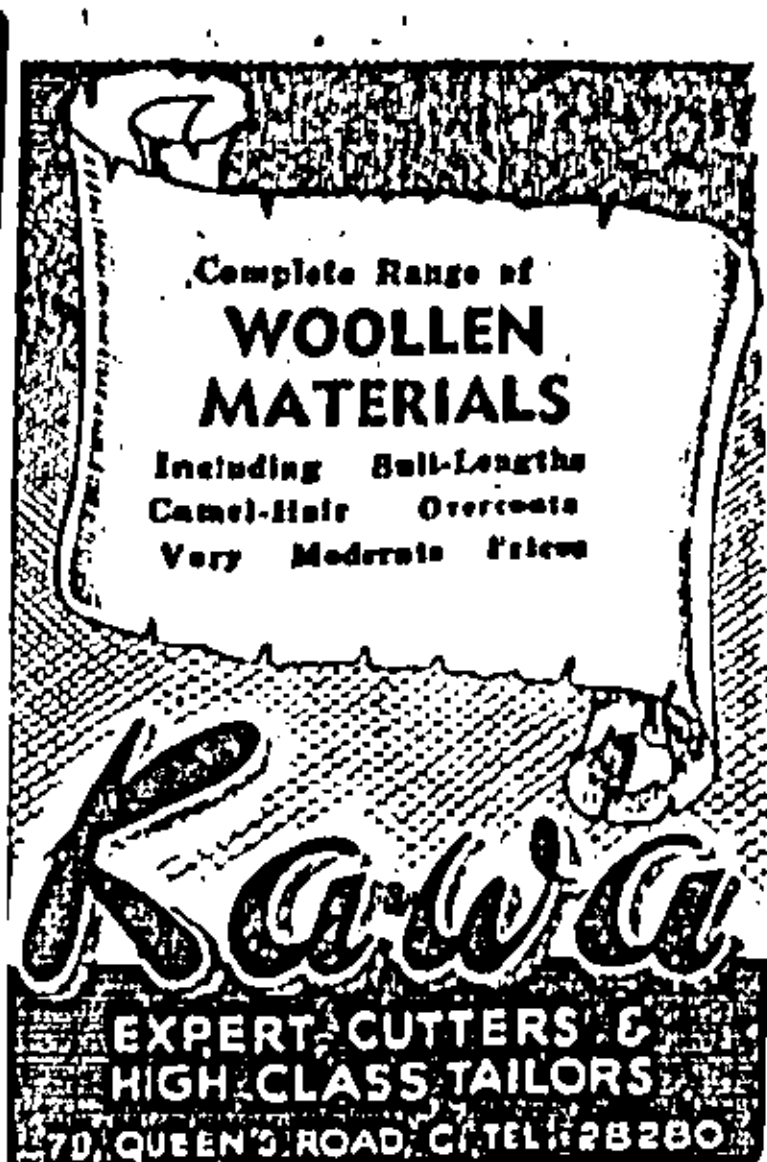
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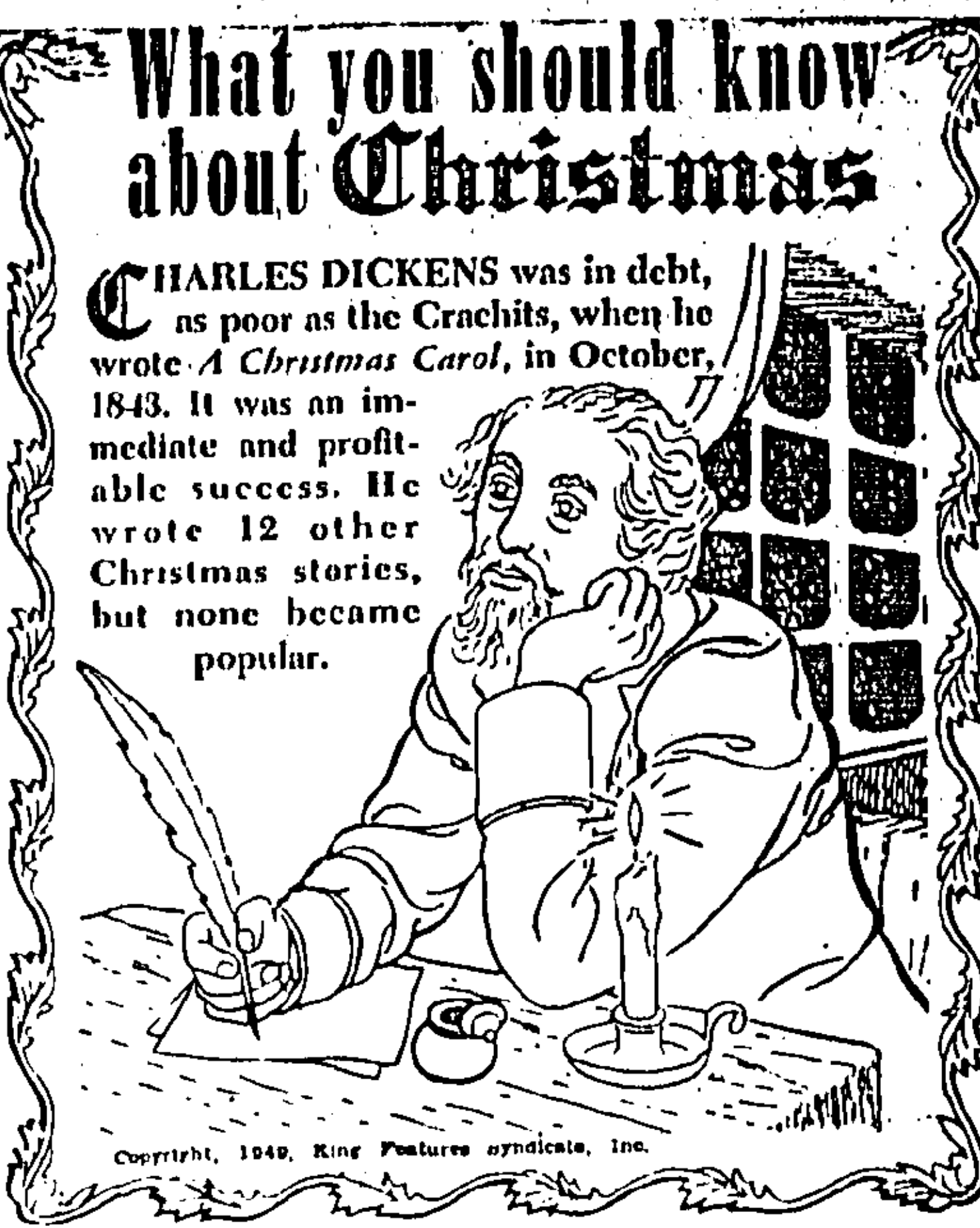
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What you should know about Christmas

CHARLES DICKENS was in debt, as poor as the Cratchits, when he wrote *A Christmas Carol*, in October, 1843. It was an immediate and profitable success. He wrote 12 other Christmas stories, but none became popular.

MAO SITS ON STALIN'S RIGHT

Moscow, December 22.

A photograph in today's "Izvestia", the Soviet Government newspaper, showed Marshal Stalin at the birthday celebration in his honour last night at the Bolshoi Theatre sitting in his Marshal's uniform with the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, on his right. In the picture, printed on the front page, Mr. N. S. Krushchev, whose appointment as First Secretary of the Moscow Regional Communist Party was announced on Sunday, was sitting on Stalin's left.

They were in the middle of a group sitting behind the long Presidium table on a flag and flower-decked stage.

At the table, from left to right, were the following: Signor Palmiro Togliatti, Secretary-General of the Italian Communist Party; M. Lazar Kaganovich, Deputy Soviet Prime Minister and Member of the Politburo; Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Marshal Stalin, M. Krushchev, Senora Dolores Ibarruri ("La Pasionaria"), Consul-Secretary of the Spanish Communist Party, M. Nikolai Shvernik, Soviet President who took the Chair but stood for the picture, M. Georgi Malenkov, Deputy Premier and Politburo member, Marshal Klement Voroshilov, also Deputy Premier, and Politburo member, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, also Deputy Premier and Politburo member and M. Matyas Rakosi, Secretary of the Hungarian Communist Party and the

Hungarian Deputy Premier. In the background at the centre of the stage was a huge portrait of Stalin above which a banner proclaimed "Long live the great leader and teacher of the Communist Party and Soviet Comrade J. V. Stalin."

China celebrates Marshal Stalin's birthday was celebrated throughout Communist China, Peking Radio reported tonight.

Participating in the widespread celebrations were "democratic parties and groups", workers, peasants, women, students and soldiers.

In Peking, the Communist Commander-in-Chief, General Chu Teh, reviewed a parade of armour, tanks, tanks and mobile troops and as hundreds of soldiers formed the Chinese characters equivalent to "Sino-Soviet Friendship" and "Longevity", aircraft of the Communist army flew overhead, dropping multi-coloured streamers and leaflets bearing greetings of long life to Marshal Stalin. Reuter and Associated Press.

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Radar spies planned for the next war

Washington, December 22. Military scientists said today that they are studying the feasibility of planting radar "spies" in enemy cities to act as bull's-eyes for atomic-guided missiles in case of another war.

This was revealed in "Glossary of Guided Missile Terms," prepared by the Defense Research and Development Board. The radar sets would provide what scientists call "semi-active bombing guidance." Such guidance is provided when a radar receiver in the missile utilizes radiations from the outside, the Glossary says.

A Defence spokesman said this means that the missile is guided by a radar beam coming from the target.—United Press.

JAP EVANGELIST FOR BRITAIN

Tokyo, December 23. The Japanese Christian evangelist, Toyokuni Kagawa, boarded a British Overseas Airlines for London today to begin a six-month tour of England. Kagawa plans to tour Norway and Sweden after completing speaking engagements in England. He said "I will pray with the British people for the happiness of humanity."—United Press.

U.S. TIGHTENING UP ON SCIENTIFIC DATA

Washington, December 22.

The U.S. government today tightened its machinery for keeping scientific and technical data from going to Russia. The Commerce Department announced that in exceptional cases it will impose an outright ban on export of technical information which is significant to the national security.

The obvious object—though not stated in the official statement—is to keep such information from reaching the Soviets.

The main aim is to help a private firm to withhold matter affecting national security when the firm has a contract that would be breached by refusing to make shipments.

This is the background: Recently, the Department set up a voluntary control plan over export of information. It asked Americans to get an opinion from it before exporting data which might have a security value.

Some firms requested advice and were given opinions against sending the data abroad. Later, they reported they would like to withhold it, but feared loss of business for breach of contract.

Censorship not intended The imposition of bans on export is intended to relieve these persons from danger of suit, since they can show the shipment was forbidden by

U.S. government action. No ban is likely to be imposed except in a case where the prospective shipper of information takes his problem to the Commerce Department.

Officials point out that no complete ban can be imposed unless there is a censorship on all mail leaving the United States.

They stress that there is no intention whatsoever of setting up such a censorship.—Associated Press.

HAGUE CEREMONY

Amsterdam, December 22. The chimes of the Royal Palace in the heart of the city of Amsterdam will play the Indonesian national anthem for the first time on December 27, when Queen Juliana officially transfers sovereignty to the United States of Indonesia.

The brief but impressive ceremony at about noon will mark an historic event, in which the Dutch relinquish their rule over the vast Indonesian territory.—United Press.

Censorship suggested in Japan

Tokyo, December 23.

A self-censorship agency for magazine-publishing firms in Japan on the model of the Hays Office—the Japanese version created for motion pictures this summer—is being urged by the Ministry of Education.

The campaign is another step in the drive to stamp out licentious and pornographic magazines that have been flooding Japanese bookstands since the Surrender.

Many such periodicals are camouflaging themselves as medical or scientific publications, treating on sex and marriage problems.

The Education Ministry's Pure Education Committee, which has been taking a deep interest in the problem, has decided to direct its clean-up campaign initially at so-called women's magazines.

It has been actively espousing a "purity" code for all publishers of periodicals for women. The Committee has the backing of Tokyo's police authorities, who are concerned at the increasing number of sex crimes and who trace them to too-easily-available salacious literature.—Reuter.

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"PRODUCE"	Yokohama, Nagoya	
	Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 1st Jan.
"FUKIEN"	Yokohama, Nagoya	
	Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 1st Jan.
"KWEIYANG"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	1st Week Jan.
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PHILIPPINES READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY

Manila, December 23.

President Quirino said in Baguio today that the Philippines is prepared to meet any emergency arising from the troubled Far Eastern situation. He indicated that there is progressive co-ordination of Philippine and United States defences in the Western Pacific.

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1.20—Orchestral Selections.

2.00—"Records in a Box"—By Carl T. and Brian P. (Studio).

2.30—"Foreign Chances"—Presented by Desmond Elliot (Studio).

3.00—World News (London Relay).

3.10—"Hospital Requests"—Presented by Amber (Studio).

4.10—"Songs of the Range".

4.30—Short Story Adapted for Broadcasting and Read by Peter Beatty (Studio).

4.45—"Radio Ballroom"—Presented by Martin Anderson & Peter Moore (Studio).

5.15—"The Ball"—

5.30—"Much of a Muchness"—With Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne (BBC).

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

6.02—"United Requests"—London Calling 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment (Studio).

7.00—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).

7.10—"Saturday Round Up"—(Studio).

7.30—Variety Banding from the People's Palace, London (BBC).

8.00—From the Editor's Office (London Relay).

8.10—Sports Results.

8.15—"Spot the Lady"—A Detective Serial by Lester Powell (BBC).

8.30—"The Voice of the Road"—(BBC).

8.45—"Time For Music"—BBC Melodrama Orchestra Conducted by Gilbert Viner (BBC).

9.15—"The Christmas Child"—A Modern Nativity Play by D. G. Haden (BBC).

9.30—"Radio News Hour"—(London Relay).

9.45—"Weather Report".

9.50—"Music From The Old and the New"—With Cabaret.

10.15—Weather Report, World and Home News from Britain (BBC).

10.30—"Radio News Hour"—(London Relay).

10.45—"The Christmas Child"—A Modern Nativity Play by D. G. Haden (BBC).

11.00—"Music From The Old and the New"—With Cabaret.

11.15—"Weather Report, World and Home News from Britain (BBC).

11.30—"Radio News Hour"—(London Relay).

11.45—"The Christmas Child"—A Modern Nativity Play by D. G. Haden (BBC).

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The President disclosed that he had suggested to the United States Government its re-activation of the naval base at Guilan in the South Eastern part of Samar.

However, he strongly denied reports of a possible military agreement with the Chinese Nationalists.

He also denied reports that a naval base will be established in Northern Luzon, saying that the American naval base at Subic on Western Luzon is strong enough.

Mr. Quirino signified approval of the use of military scrip in United States military and naval areas in the Philippines, which was ordered in an effort to prevent a flow of dollars from these areas.

The issuance of scrip caught Philippine officials by surprise and there have been fears that it might have an adverse psychological effect on the stability of the peso.

Talks with U.S. officials. After conferences with American officials, President Quirino declared that mere use of the scrip in military bases could not affect the stability of Philippine currency and that the United States move "is laudable and in consonance with the views of the Central Bank", which recently imposed exchange control to save dollars.

The President yesterday, conferred in Baguio with the U.S. Ambassador, Myron Cowen, Major-General Howard Turner, commander of Clark Air base, Rear-Admiral Francis Old, commander of U.S. naval forces in the Philippines, and two other U.S. Embassy officials.

Present at the conference were several Cabinet members and the Governor of the Central Bank, Miguel Cuaderno, United Press.

Belgrade, December 22. Yugoslavia is putting pressure on Hungary to force payment of its \$70,000,000 war debts to this country, the Information Minister, Vladimir Dedijer, revealed today.

In an effort to collect the past-due bill, Marshal Tito's Government has invoked a clause in the World War Two peace treaty and called on the neighbouring Communist nation to name a representative to meet with one from Yugoslavia on the matter.

This Yugoslav action coincides with pressure being brought by U.S. private citizens in Hungary because of the arrest of two Americans, Mr. Robert A. Vogeler of New York, and Mr. Israel Jacobson of Chicago.

Hungary stopped her payments to Yugoslavia last year shortly after the Cominform denounced the Tito regime. Mr. Dedijer said Hungary thus far had paid "not much" of the \$70,000,000 agreed to under the peace treaty as war reparation.

Mr. Dedijer said Yugoslavia took the present step to collect the debt only after all attempts at a direct settlement, including an appeal to the United States, Britain and Soviet Russia, had been exhausted. He said the appeal to the Big Three failed because of the attitude of Soviet Russia.

London, December 22. With her topmast and steering wheel gone, the 2,700-ton Norwegian steamer Lisbeth limped into Alexandria Harbour today under tow, Lloyd's shipping intelligence reported.

About 150 standards of timber carried on deck cargo had been lost overboard in heavy weather during the voyage from Kotka, Southern Finland.—Reuter.



MR. QUIRINO

U.S. BAN ON SEGREGATION

East St. Louis, December 22. Racial segregation will end in East St. Louis public schools on January 30, the chairman of the city's Board of Education announced.

This means that Negroes will be admitted to public schools for the first time in the 89-year-old history of the school system here. Mixed education was approved because of a new State regulation denying State funds to school districts practising segregation.

Under the law, schools were faced with the loss of \$242,138 annually.

The State of Illinois has forbidden segregation in public schools for years, but the law has been widely ignored in the Southern part of the State.—Reuter.

WAGE INCREASE IN HOLLAND

The Hague, December 22. A maximum wage increase of five per cent for workers over 25 to meet the increased cost of living was approved today by the Dutch Government.

The announcement, which can become effective from January 1 next, fixes the minimum weekly rise for male workers at two guilders (about four shillings). To make the wage increase economically responsible, the Government states, it will have to be followed by higher production through extra working hours and an extension of the shift system.—Reuter.

EXPERTS FOR PI

Washington, December 22. Upon request of the Philippines, the International Monetary Fund has lent the islands two experts on technical aspects of exchange control.

The men are Mr. Joseph B. Friedman, private lawyer and consultant to the International Fund, and Mr. William Drees, Fund researcher. They left on Wednesday for the islands.—Associated Press.

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British car exports set a record

London, December 22. Britain exported more cars and commercial vehicles in November than in any other month in the history of the industry.

The total was more than the country produced in a month before the war, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders announced here today.

The Society said that almost 28,000 cars and over 9,000 trucks and buses left Britain last month as well as over 2,500,000 worth of agricultural tractors, industrial trucks, trailers and parts and accessories.—Reuter.

SPANISH MINISTER IN ROME

London, December 22.

Rome Radio reported that the Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, this morning received Senor Artajo, the Spanish Foreign Minister.

At the meeting, which lasted half an hour, they discussed the Catholic Press in Europe and the International Catholic University Association within the Pax Romana organisation, of which Senor Artajo is President.

The two Statesmen expressed their pleasure at the conclusion of the Italian-Spanish commercial agreement and dealt with the possibility of special facilities for Spanish visitors to Rome during the Holy Year.

Speaking to journalists, the Spanish Foreign Minister stressed the feeling of friendship held by the Spanish people for Italy and declared that he was counting on the cordial and friendly relations between the two countries.

Asked whether General Franco would come to Italy on the occasion of the Holy Year, Senor Artajo answered: "This had never been discussed in Madrid. It is not always easy for the Head of a State to leave his country."

Italian political circles are speculating whether Senor Artajo will discuss with Italian officials a plan for a "Latin agreement."

Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Italian Under-Secretary of State, referred to a projected international Latin accord during the recent National Council meeting of the Christian Democratic Party.

According to Signor Andreotti, the agreement would be between Italy, Spain, Portugal, Argentina and the other Latin countries which desire to come into the plan.

Signor Andreotti will travel to Spain soon for the Italy-Spain international soccer match, and the right-wing Italian newspaper, Memento, suggested today that he might have conversations with Spanish officials on this prospect.—Reuter.

GRAIN SHORTAGE

Prague, December 22. The Government announced today that the 1949 grain deliveries to state agricultural co-operatives were short of the targets set by the five-year plan and called for efforts to make a surpluss to reach the needed goals.

The official news agency reported that the Ministers of Agriculture and Food summoned 200 officials of the co-operatives to Prague yesterday to reveal the "serious state" of agricultural deliveries.—United Press.

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"CANTON"	17th March	17th April
"CORFU"	14th April	15th May
"CANTON"	12th May	12th June
"CORFU"	9th June	10th July

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"ROMALI"	14th January	London & Continent
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"ROMALI"	14th January	London & Continent

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"SIRHAN"	sails 11th Jan.	for Calcutta & Rangoon
"TAIRA"	due 10th Jan.	from Calcutta via Straits & Rangoon
"SIRHAN"	sails 12th Jan.	for Japan
"SIRHAN"	due 15th Jan.	from Calcutta via Straits
"SIRHAN"	sails 17th Jan.	for Calcutta via Straits & Rangoon
"SIRHAN"	due 24th Jan.	from Japan

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"SIRHAN"	due 2nd Jan.	from Japan
"SIRHAN"	sails 4th Jan.	for Calcutta, Bombay, Karachi & Persian Gulf
"SIRHAN"	due 2nd Jan.	from Bombay & Straits
"SIRHAN"	sails 6th Jan.	for Japan
"SIRHAN"	due 8th Jan.	from Persian Gulf via Bombay & Straits
"SIRHAN"	due early Feb.	from Persian Gulf via Bombay & Straits
"SIRHAN"	due end Feb.	from Persian Gulf via Bombay & Straits

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN S.S. Co., Ltd.

SAILINGS	DATE	FROM
"NANKIN"	due 27th Dec.	from Sydney, Brisbane, Port Moresby, Sandakan
"NANKIN"	due mid Jan.	from Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Port Moresby & Sandakan
"NANKIN"	sails end Jan.	for Port Moresby, Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide & Fremantle

* Accepts cargo for New Zealand & Pacific Island ports on through bills of lading.

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"QUEEN'S VICTORY"	1st Feb.
"STEEL ARCHITECT"	14th Feb.

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JAVA PORTS and MACASSAR

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TITJALENGKA" 30th Dec.	31st Dec.
"TUBADAK" 19th Jan.	12th Jan.

MANILA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TEGELBERG" 30th Dec.	31st Dec.
"TUKAMPEK" 25th Jan.	25th Dec.
"RUYS" 23rd Feb.	

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TITJALENGKA" 5th Jan.	31st Dec.
"VAN HEUTZ" 12th Jan.	7th Jan.
"TUBADAK" 19th Jan.	12th Jan.

* Calling Singapore only.

EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TEGELBERG" 30th Dec.	31st Dec.
"TUKAMPEK" 25th Jan.	25th Dec.
"RUYS" 23rd Feb.	
"TUBADAK" 19th Jan.	12th Jan.

Calling at Mombasa & L. Marques direct.
Transshipment cargo accepted on through B/L to Dar-El-Salam and Zanzibar.

JAPAN

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TEGELBERG" 27th Dec.	29th Dec.
"RUYS" 9th Jan.	7th Jan.
"TUBADAK" 19th Jan.	

Agents: HOLLAND—EAST ASIA LINE
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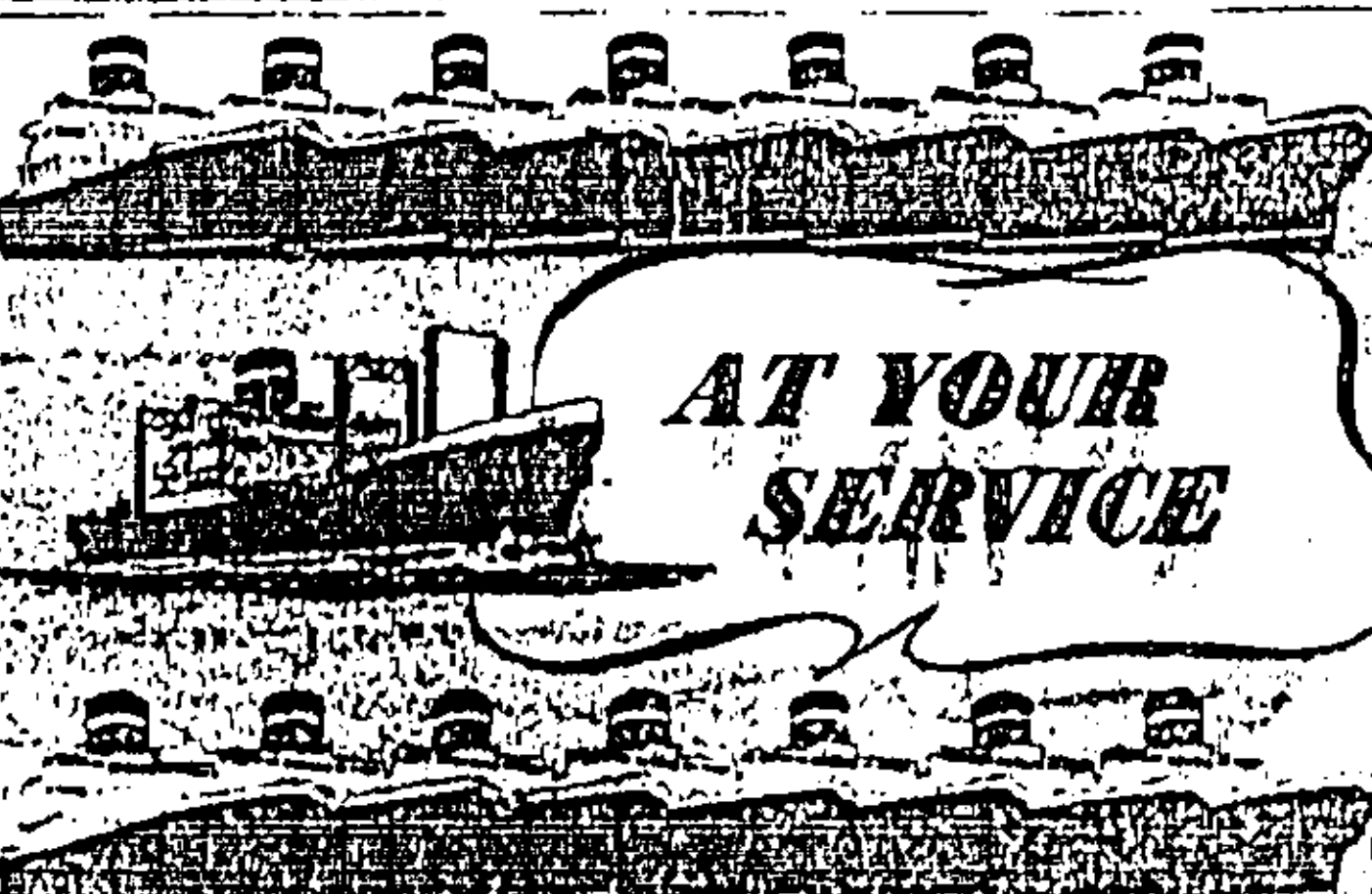
SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"RIDERKERK" 9th Jan.	Mid Jan.
"LANGLESCOT" Early Feb.	Mid Jan.

Transshipment cargo accepted on through B/L to Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"RIDERKERK" 8th Jan.	8th Jan.
"LANGLESCOT" Mid Jan.	Early Feb.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

PI COMPLAINTS ON TRADE WITH JAPAN

H.K. Stock Exchange

The stock market has been very quiet with little or nothing of importance to chronicle about the market. Again it has fluctuated within narrow limits and, further, has remained inactive. The approach of the Xmas holidays and the consequent unrest in the market of labor had their disturbing influence.

Excess Mills dividend of HK40 cents, recently declared, is payable on December 31.

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An official of the Philippine Mission in Tokyo charged today that present arrangements governing Philippine-Japanese trade work to the benefit of the Japanese but are unfair to the Philippines.

Mr. Ronald Leuterio, technical assistant to the Minister to Tokyo, Dr. Bernabe Africa, also charged that the Philippine Mission was not being given an opportunity to render the services it could give the Republic in trade.

"The mission is not consulted on trade matters and even one Philippine Government corporation ignored it in ordering cement from Japan," he said.

According to Mr. Leuterio, when the Philippines buys anything from Japan, she pays in dollars but when Philippine firms sell to the Japanese they are not paid in dollars but in merchandise, mostly in the form of manufactured goods. He claimed these goods were mostly non-essentials.

Mr. Leuterio, who arrived on Tuesday on a holiday, said that the Philippines is losing large amounts of dollars as a result of barter deals.

In September alone \$100,000 worth of Japanese toys was purchased by a Manila Chinese firm managed by a Filipino. In November Japanese sent to the Philippines \$200,000 worth of merchandise, including toys, lighters, cameras, fans, textiles and sewing machines.

Losing dollars

Mr. Leuterio said hardly any capital equipment had been purchased by the Philippines from Japan.

He stressed that as a result of lack of reciprocity in trade payments, the Philippines loses dollars and Japan keeps them.

Regarding his charge that the Philippine Mission had been ignored in matters of trade, Mr. Leuterio said the Cebu Portland Cement Company, a Philippine Government firm, recently placed an order for 20,000 metric tons of cement at \$17.04 per metric ton.

He said the order was placed directly with Mitsui Bussan Kaisha and Company, Incorporated, of Tokyo, although the Philippine Mission could have obtained cement at \$16 per metric ton, thus saving

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a.s. "MONTANA"

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Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on December 27, 1949.

To comply with General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined. Dutiable goods are examined at the wharf.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the wharf's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after December 28, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before January 5, 1950, or they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hong Kong, Dec. 21, 1949.

N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, December 22.

The stock market in a strong advance today established a new high mark for the year. Prices on the average now stand at the highest level since the middle of July 1948.

The gains today ranged from a few cents to more than \$2 a share among leading issues. Trading volume was around 1,600,000 shares, the best mark of the week.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 70.90; 20 Industrials 109.52; 13

Bonds 51.35; 10 Utilities 40.90.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 22 1/2

Alexander 34 1/2

American Can 102 1/2

Smelting 55

Telephone 145 1/2

Tobacco 74 1/2

Waterworks 75

Anacosta Copper 28

Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/2

Barnard 55 1/2

Bendix Aviation 35 1/2

Bethlehem Steel 31 1/2

Boeing Aircraft 24

Borden Co. 49

Canadian Pacific 15 1/2

J. I. Case 38 1/2

Chrysler 65 1/2

Colgate 42 1/2

Commercial Solvents 18 1/2

Corn Products 70 1/2

Du Pont 6 1/2

Eastman Kodak 45 1/2

General Electric 41 1/2

Motors 70

Goodrich 60 1/2

Goodyear 43 1/2

Homestead Mining 45

International Harvester 27 1/2

PG & Tel 9 1/2

Johns Manville 47 1/2

Kennecott Copper 50 1/2

Montgomery Ward 34

National Distillers 22

Lead 37 1/2

New York Central 10 1/2

Packard Motors 34

Pan American Airways 8 1/2

Pennsylvania RR 19

Radio Corp. 12 1/2

Remington Rand 11 1/2

Republic Steel 23

Reynolds Tobacco 37 1/2

Schenley 30

Sears Roebuck 43 1/2

Shell Oil 37 1/2

Suony Vacuum 17

Southern Pacific 49 1/2

Standard Brands 21 1/2

Oil of Calif. 66 1/2

Oil of N. J. 68 1/2

Studebaker 26 1/2

Union Bag 28

Carbide 44 1/2

US Rubber 37 1/2

Steel 20

Lith 15 1/2

Westinghouse 31 1/2

Youngstown Sheet & Tube 76

Gen. Pub. Utilities 10 1/2

Cure prices also advanced.

Higher were Aluminum Company of America and Cities Service.

Rail loans were lower in a quiet bond market.—Associated Press.

GRANT TO ITALY

Washington, December 22.

The Economic Co-operation Administration granted Italy US\$30,000,000 today to buy cotton from American suppliers.

Deliveries are to be completed by June 15, 1950.—Associated Press.

MAERSK LINE

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after December 29, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on December 28, 1949 at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before January 22, 1950, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

ARRIVALS FROM

"ANDRE LEBON" ... 2nd Jan.
"EPINAL" ... 25th Jan.

SAILINGS TO

PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

"ANDRE LEBON" ... 2nd Jan.
"CHAMPOLLION" ... 18th Feb.
"LA MARSEILLAISE" ... 25th Feb.

FREIGHT SERVICE

"BREST" ... 26th Dec.
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ARRIVALS

YESTERDAY

General Gordon (APL) ...
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TODAY

General Gordon (APL) ...
Hua (Hank) ...

TOMORROW

Hua (Hank) ...

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

General Gordon (APL) ...
Hua (Hank) ...
Tong (Hank) ...
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TODAY

General Gordon (APL) ...
Hua (Hank) ...

TOMORROW

Hua (Hank) ...

Vessels In Port

American Transport (Jardine) ...
Avalon (Hank) ...
Avalon (Hank) ...
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CHINA

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EUROPE

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INDIA

General Gordon (APL) ...
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JAPAN

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SOUTH EAST PORTS

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SOUTH AMERICA

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